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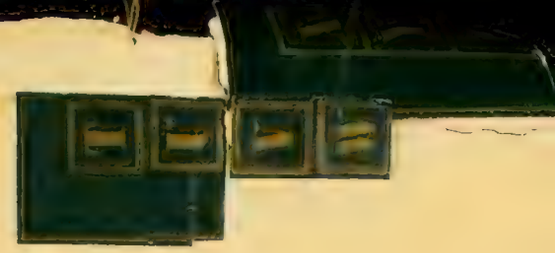

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Hon. J. Phelps Pres. Pro
Erie Lake R. R. Co.

Lackawanna New York Nov.
Nov 27 1850.

Dr. Sir.

I had expected to have sent you a long letter with a full description of the two lines lately run. viz. one via. Abrupts Creek & Middle Pond. the other via. Baily Brook. Rattlesnake & Bear Lake. & the Mouth of Masters Creek. both of which I have during the past 10 days run & examined very carefully. the difference in these two lines however are very great. & so thinking that a Man of small judgement could easily decide which was best. the line by Robert Lake is decidedly best. & fully $125.000. the first. & 400 ft Tunnel - and having a Tangent over 4 Mls. over the Middle line. on this line the Tunnel will be 2375 ft. long. on the other 2000 ft. on the Robert Lake line the Bridge across the Tunkhannock. will be 55 ft high. & 800 ft from grade to grade across on the Middle Road the Bridge will be 125 ft high. & 2300 ft long from grade to grade. & the Excavation. & Embankment less on the Robert Lake line than on the other. I shall not go into any particulars now. but will say in all a general that these important points Mentioned. are widely different from each other.

Since the Examination of these two Routes. we have found another & much better Route to the Susquehanna River which is very much. instead of following down on the right bank of the little Meadow which is at Clark

And having done our duty to our Country & Friends
Corps. & Henry Clark & Ordway, together with
most Cheerfull men in the whole Crue. and Hunt
from the Teeumsh & Yet Known as the Eighth Crue
in Ready & Fine, & Keen wit Determination to Carry
back Ready a Perfect Chart, & Journal from
all the way. Cutting out all the Old Crue. And
will be back for $70000 Up Among Them the Same
Dis- ster is a remarkable Instance to Prove
- the Late Day, the Resolution & Fortitude &
Ability Exhibited & you will when I Meet You where
I hope will be Early Next Month,

We Shall now get to the Tumbleweed Prairie
where & Cattle for the Eyeren Rain Deer &
Deer Continually, we Shall Leave the Main Stream
& Marias Creek Ready & Commence our Journey
by Land & the Packing Horses on the
Many Portages on the Line. Both of which Can be
Conducted in one Journey Now & Return
to the Coast in Time & Safety — & Get on the
Columbia. & Back a Journey Can be Made &
I feel highly Grateful Now with our Labours
& the Prospects before us. Our Platform —
Stores are necessary to Obtain a Good
Horse Now in Between Gen & Clark. & the Crue to
going on well. we are Among Many Tribes
with Guns & Powder for Sight of which
they will Dark Not Light in the Cave.
Mr Nicholas & Mr Bolgard Have Been Detained on Journey
right of way. with Mind of going to Mr Hamilton
Chiefs & Mr Nicholas Mr Bolgard Journey to

Yrs &c

Lee's Ramsey Jno Mathews

June 27, 1850

Wm F. Stearns
Mentour Pa

Dear Sir

We received from
H Mitchell Esq will accompany your
Triangle Surveyor's on the business of obtaining
right of way for the L.B.R.R. We wish you
would drop a line to Mr Mitchell stating
what time in July or August it will be most
convenient for you to engage in this business —

We have nothing of special interest
to report. The work upon the Road is
progressing very well & we wish we
could add the Iron is on hand & the line

Very Truly Yours
Jno Mathews

Office Legita Gas R.R. Co

Lackawanna Iron Works Pa
July 19th 1850.

Robert Sprague Esq
Treas Legita Gas R.R. Co.
Dr Sir.

At a Meeting of the Managers of the Legita Gas R.R. Co. at their Office on the 16th inst. the Enclosed resolution was passed, for the purpose of placing the funds now in the hands of the Treas. to the Cr. of Scranton & Platt. You will have rec'd the President's draft in due for the same —

Mr Henry Sanford Subscribed for one share to our Stock, under an agreement with J.S. Phelps. that should he Mr. Sanford wish to take only $500 at the time of Calling the 1st instalment, Mr Phelps agreed to release him $2000 & take it himself. Mr S. decided to take $1,000. & has P. 2 instalments on that amt: he now wishes to have the $10.00 & I am directed to pay to you. by Mr Phelps (& all others who were here agreeing) to allow Mr Sanford to hold his Original Subscription & Pay you instalments when Mr S. will Call in you —

We have had a very pleasant visit from Several of our Stockholders. we regret that you & the Robinsons were not among the Number. I hope we shall soon have the opportunity to show you what we are doing in the mean time beg to refer you to those of our friends who have been here, for a full account of what we are doing —

I am most Resp'y Yours Obt. &c
Geo W. Scranton Secretary pro

Office of the Chief Engineer,
Central Railway Co. of Peru,
Lima, July 19th, 1870.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Report of the Progress of the Surveys of the Central Railway of Peru, from the Port of Callao to the Mines of Cerro de Pasco, and to the Valley of Jauja, with Maps and Profiles of the same, and to request that you will cause the Report to be printed, and the Maps and Profiles to be lithographed, for the use of the Company.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Office Lights. Sup. A&K Co.

Lawrenceville Pike Works.
Pennsylvania P.C. Pa
August. 23 d 1856.

Wm H. A Bolles.

Dr Sir

Your favour of the 18th inst. was duly received and noticed

The Lights. Sup. A&K Co located as far as the mouth of Meadow Creek 26 miles from this place The Co at their last meeting decided to build this part of their work themselves under the direction of their "Joint," from the mouth of Meadow Creek the route is not yet determined upon We are now surveying for a route from the latter point, one to Bingo the other to Binghampton until the result of these surveys are known nothing will be done west of Meadow Creek

What will be done in regard to letting the work or any part of it beyond the point mentioned is not yet decided, should the Co decide to let a part of it I will inform you

I am very Resp yours
Wm H Scranton
Local Agent

Office Lycoming Co. R.R. Co.
Scranton Aug. 2/56

E. Harris Esq.
Sir

Your favor of the 30th ult. was duly rec'd & noticed and in reply would say that we are not prepared at this time to hold out any thing very encouraging in relation to situation at this place. Our Position is very favorable & we believe you to be entirely competent to take the charge of the work you propose. It would not be for any reasons of this kind that we would hesitate a moment to give you a situation.

Since I first saw you a very particular friend of ours has applied for a situation, a young man who once lived with us. He is an Engineer and a practical business man. His Father is among our best friends & aided us [illegible] when we needed help. Under all the circumstances we have felt that we should be ungrateful if [illegible] such an application. This young man is now expecting to come here to occupy the situation that you apply for. Should any thing prevent his coming I will inform you. At this time is quite doubtful of his coming.

I am very Resp. Yours
Att'y & Civil Engineer

Geo. M. Scranton Jun. Sec'y

Office of Civil Defense
Washington, D.C.

July 31, 1950

Dear Mayor [illegible]

Thank you for the [illegible] letter of July 20 concerning the Civil Defense [illegible] Station at [illegible].

[illegible] Civil Defense [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Office Leggetts R R Co.
Scranton
Aug. 27. 1850

J. J. Brodt Esq.
Sir.

Yours of the 24th ult. came to the Office in my absence. I have noticed its contents & in reply to your Enquiry. That our Road is located only from the Mouth of Meades Creek. 20 ms. The Co. decided at their last Meeting to build that part of the Line under the superintendance of their Agents. After the decision is made relative to the Common Rail the Road will be Commenced. If the Co. should decide to let that or any part of it, I will inform you.

Respt Yours

Geo M. Scranton Agt L R Co

Office [illegible] Gap R. R. Co.
Scranton Aug. 2[illegible]/5[illegible]

[illegible] Esq.
My Dear Sir.

Your highly valued favour of the 24th inst. is at hand [illegible] I read with more than usual interest. And in reply [illegible] as regards that large Engine [illegible] there are some arguments that can be shewn in favour of such a Machine on a heavy [illegible] grade over a lighter one. "that the heavy Engine [illegible] all in right place. [illegible] it" is true, [illegible] that there is apparent economy in taking a large load compared with a small load w[illegible] seem equally true. [illegible] be done with the same No. of men, [illegible] no extra Expense except steam [illegible] to move it.

The plans & draft of our Bridges are all made & [illegible] timber being got out. Mr [illegible] is now [illegible] he [illegible] the Bridges and [illegible] but this [illegible] will go down sooner with such Engines [illegible] no doubt. I have noticed the working of the Engines [illegible] the [illegible] Ithaca, the [illegible] Engines one of [illegible] size. They will haul up the 86 ft grade [illegible] they will haul up the 78 ft. [illegible] 80, [illegible] track as we shall have here. A Class of [illegible] of the road Bridges. [illegible] be much [illegible] they [illegible] more [illegible] managed & controlled. [illegible] shall be able to make a [illegible] from [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Mountain [illegible] Engine on the [illegible] of
[illegible] of C. S. R. a Coal Car, & do all
R. [illegible] the first 3 Years. it will supply all the
Cabin Cars at the Summit Reservoir to fill
the Locos going North. & take the Empty Cars
on the Depot & the Mines & haul back all
[illegible] to the Depot, all the Engines Coupling
& Cars shd from Sun & R & L R R, when all
[illegible] Cars. Leave no Cars at the Summit for
the Locos going & Coming down. Each
Engine Can take Day 200 Cars from the Summit
& 100 from here, so that if we run 4 Trains a
Day from the Summit North it will Require 400 Cars
taken up daily. & Complete the Loads. this will occupy
4 hours. (Supposing that our Engines will be a little
Lazier & take 100 Cars each) & Cars different time for
the Engines & to Move the Cars between the Depot
Mines. a distance of abt 1 Mile. - to fill them will
[illegible] for a Month of 240,000 Cars, but one
Engine Can run up to the Summit 1600 Cars in
6 hours, which is abt as much as the Capacity of
[illegible] & will be found to be. Now You will see
that [illegible] have here must first be upon the
Mines, [illegible] Some short Curves, &c. the Lights
[illegible] the Mines, but R. also want
Day Ens [illegible] that we C Cars the Cabin Cars
& R. Carriages & Empty Wags must be made
Best. [illegible] Engine to be long on the track
[illegible] to be increased & Transfer
[illegible] Cars made to [illegible]
[illegible] Cars to be Come for [illegible]

we th. not go in for different sizes for double cabs
or Rail Cabs but a Board of both Markers
I think an 8 H Engine ought to do for one pattern
all Round only alike. So that every bolt & nut
made for one wd fit another Engine.

I see they are substituting Light Engines for
heavy ones in England,

If one Summit Account 20 ms. from here
it wd be more important to weight well the decision
but as we are, it strikes me it wd be bad policy
to get Rail Machines. We can wait to 15th Dec.
for an Engine. perhaps in time of the E.R.R.Co in
part to pay Cost & Cart it home. Then can be done
without much sacrifice. but it wd Cost say
100 £. a to to buy it & Pitch on Canal.

We th. like very much to get the Engine here
all Nov. a right the Canal Closes. It wd be with 4 Men
to see to its Cost the 1st 6 ms. & perhaps more. in
fact we Cannot get on with Economy with out it

I am pleased that you do not forget the Horse
Matter, & that You are keen. Much depends on our work.
& I hope You & You will get succeed with E.R.R.Co.
in getting an Engine. &c. &c. I th. think they wd.
dislike to have us get one of Baldwins Machines!

The foregoing is merely an outline of my Opinion
I beg to leave the Matter in Your hands. & to Your
better Judgement.

We have now Stretched our pieces out. till we
have reached the Tunkhannock. & are at work on the
whole line from here to Monk Masters Creek, 20 ms
more particularly on the Light work. 16/25 Ft of 20 ms will be

ready for the market, in 60 Days. all you will
at the Canal, you enter the North end of
the Erie Canal, you enter the North end of
North End & the Western remarkably cool. It is
a good Harbour & lies handsome. from all
Appearances it is believed it will be the better
Natural & work out than any Canal in the
States. The Stokes has not yet arrived. was
Ride all a Day so we see him.

Yr. Bankson & the Carriage
are safe in the Hotel. Mr. Stokes will suppose & if
he may have a good old age in our
respective Spirits & the P. Remember me.

I write you before & my last letter to
Philadelphia! I hope it may not be
necessary for me to come to New York next Mo.
If you deem it of sufficient importance I
will come & will leave this to You.

Sincerely & Respt. Your Obt. Sr.

Wm. McCrackan

Office Lizette Gap R.R.Co
Scranton Pa. Aug. 28/80

J. J. Phelps Esq Pres't

Dr. Sir

I think the next 5 instalments should be called. & fair Sept. 20. We shall be considerably indebted to Scranton & Coal & Iron Co. & Belvidere Bank one that time but neither party will be inconvenienced as Payments will be heavy for the Company 3 mos.

Copy of Resolution. Passed at last Meeting.

Resolved. "That the time for making future Calls for instalments be referred to the Finance Committee. in Connexion with the Pres't. and General Agent"

If the time above mentioned meets your views. [redacted] the Committee. please notify the Treasurer accordingly.

Nothing of Particular interest to add this day.

I am very Resp't Yours

Geo. M. Scranton Gen'l Agt

Office Corporate Park R.R.C.
Secretary Pro. Dec. 23/50

[illegible]

I thank the Park [illegible]
Northumberland Streets & College. & from Sept. 30.
the Night be Conveniently included to Secretaries
& Trade & City & Suburban Board are Met
time but the Rec Ready will be necessary
the Pay Parks will be Stand In the Country 3 Ins
Copy of Resolution. Passed at last Meeting.

Resolved "That the time in Meeting
Notice Code in withdrawal be reduced to the
Finance Committee. in Committee with the
Park one Planned Depot"

[redacted] the time before Meeting
time. [redacted] the Committee. Plans Finally
the Treasury Secretary by.

Meeting of Parkdale without & case
to Act.

I am very Truly Yours

Wm. H. Stevenson per

Office Sig Falls Jct R. R. Co
Aug. 28th 1850

Wm. E. Dodge Esq,

Dear Sir.

I have just written to our Pres. recommending the next Instalment to be Called & Paid Sept. 20th. I sent Copy of resolution passed at our last meeting regulating the Calls.

I will send the Bills of R. R. & Co. to R. A. Neary. they ought to allow us $100. on the Simon Scott. her fire Box was very bad when. we had a great deal of trouble with it. & the Expense of repairing it was more than 100 $. & it is not good now. the Iron was awfully blistered. we had to stop her the 2d week. If you can arrange to send Mr Williams say $4000. it will be a favour to me. interested, Humphrey writes to me & hopes some funds may soon be remitted I sent $1000 from here last week. after another month. they must stand on their own bottom I shall when I am East then ask $15,000. taken out then will be all that will be required to Complete every thing. the earning will pay for the Locks! Engines Wheels & Bal. due on Locks & as they go along. Hastily Yrs. G. W. Scranton

Office of the Pres. R. F. C.
Dec. 27, 1930

My dear Mr. Speyer:

I have just been ... to me
Pres. Hoover ... the Trade Agreements to
be Cuba & Peru effect. Jan. 1. I hope City of
Cleveland Banker at one least Investing
representing this Section.

I will show the letter of R. F. C. to
R. L. Myers. They regret to follow on $100,000
the Cleveland Account. For you this was very true
then. We have a great deal of trouble with
it. + the Chairman of Supervising it was there
from 1931. + it is not yet over. We then
were depositing the Cleveland. We had to help them
the $2,000,000. If you can arrange to
Secure the Guarantee from Jan 1 1932. It is
a question of Credit Cleveland, Knowing what
to pay + Cuba were Cleveland they are in Danger
of Cleveland from the Cleveland. Office cannot
operate. They must Keep on their Cleveland
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Office Sept 4th 1.

C. Sprague Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 29th ult has been noticed with pleasure & interest I has indulged & repeatedly drawn. My hands & head have been more than full to give the reasons to keep every thing moving to the best possible advantage. We do not expect to complete the R.R. without Committing some errors & making some mistakes. but we shall endeavour to have as few as possible. I am notified to know of a Party Coming to see us. & I hope nothing will happen to prevent your being one of that number. I wd recommend that the town be fixed 2 Or when between the 15th Sept & 1st Oct. we shall be able to make a pretty respectable shewing in an other Month. & I hope the appearance of the work will look favourable to you. & will as cheap- we shall all be glad to see a gen strong allegation. What has become of Gen A Hotchkiss! will he redeem his promise this Season! then there were one or two sons of our worthy Gen. that were Coming to this wonderful Country! will they Come also! If you Could be one of a pleasant party. You had better stop at the Mouth Lackawaxen & take a Packet Boat to Honesdale 14 Mls. & get on the Penna Coal Co Cars & ride over here. Eugene of Mr. Buckley & Smith & others who lived over in the R.

I. Have just Written to Jno I. Phelps Esq. of Ct. suggesting that our next Installment be Called for Pain the 20th Sept.

Here is Copy of the 6th Para of last Meeting's Resolves. "That the time for making future Calls for Installments be referred to the Finance Committee, in Connection with the Treasurer & Genl Agent."

Mr Phelps will consult the Committee & notify you of the amt due from Jones, on last Installment we will arrange to pay you by draft on Belden & Bank, which you can place to Cr. of Scranton Hall or Office. Mrs will Keep you Post. mon Salary & you. How perhaps any other way—

Mr O.B. Allen & two Gent. (Mr Millikens) Came here Yesterday & left this morning, apparently much gratified with their visit.

Our Place has Really no fixed Name, at the Meeting of the Board here from one Source, it was Unanimously Voted to Call it Scranton, we have written to the Post Office Department to ask for a Change, they have not yet granted our request, but Never the less if you direct to Scranton, Lucern Co. Pa. it will Come Straight we get Letter daily addressed to Scranton & Scrantonia, Please let us hear from you as often as Convenient.

With Kind regards to all under your Roof I am Hastily & my Respts from Mr. Mc. Allen Scranton Pa

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Committee for the Preservation of Historic Landmarks in Greenville. We are currently working on a project to document and preserve the oldest buildings in our city, and we would be very grateful for your assistance.

As you may know, the Wilson House on Main Street is one of the oldest structures in Greenville, dating back to the early 1800s. It has been in your family for many generations, and we believe that its history is an important part of our community's heritage.

We would like to conduct a detailed survey of the house, including its architecture, its furnishings, and any documents or photographs that you may have in your possession. We would also like to interview you and any other members of your family who have lived in the house, in order to record their memories and stories.

We understand that this is a busy time of year for you, and we do not want to impose on your schedule. We are flexible and can work around your availability. If you are willing to participate in this project, please let us know at your earliest convenience, and we will be happy to schedule a visit at a time that is convenient for you.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Margaret Thompson

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Office Legally Gal RR Co
Decatur May 21 /60

Jno J Slan Esq
Dr Sir

I have been desirous to see in my Correspondence with you that I was shall have yet with you again. but I know you that it is not for want of inclination. I wish write you briefly how matters

we are at work at the Summit Cut at Clarks again. got the tracks laid & cars in taken out that Cut. Much cheaper than with Horses & Carts. Cut Ten down the same Hour 2 miles from here on the Falls Town. two Months work Cars do as much as 8 horses. Now Every thing is going on with the Carts. the Iron from here to that Cut on the Falls Town will be done in 10 days. I left a only unfinished grading between here & Decatur at the Mill pot. in Legally & for the Company's Use. Still we have only a Moderate force on to get the Iron just fast enough to lay the track with & ford. that will take from 6 to 7 weeks yet. from the Summit down to Lo Branch 6 miles we are at work on the whole line. Calculate 6 hours it nearly all Complete & all done except 2 or 3 places. in 60 days. from the South Branch to Fairlawnville. abt. 2 miles. we shall Commence on in a few days & that will also be done in 60 days from a day. we have been at work at Fairlawnville Cut. just the other side of the big pile. Cars &

to Lt Co ... the other end for ...
... Creek Gt Bend is ... reserve.
... Ch ... for 5 ms ... very much improved
& Okehend. then 5 ms will not cost for a
... as in the 1st line. by Mail.
Nicholson is now there making Contracts
... for right of way. - after he gets
thro. there he will go on to Marion Creek.
the other Surveyors to Otago & Bruce are
going on, but they are Coming out even
worse than was ever dreamt of. but we keep
our own Counsel as to this, & hope to make
favourable bargains for right of way on
Salt Lick. that will be one most difficult
place, very steep hills - here & Marion
Creek is settled. & all those whose fellows who
request your file ... to their attentions there
& let us go on peaceably -

I have written to our Rock & perhaps
Commute to make 3 Calls. to be p^d in Sept 20th
our Payment will be heavy for 3 mo's to Come.

... Stokes &c. just arrived with
his Family. & Mr Hunter Son of Dr Hunt of
this Dale of Glen. to spend a few days -
& the Mail will be here on Mon & I ... Clay
for the Papers. till ... write you again.

I have this moment rec^d a letter from W R Hamilton
says they are doing well at Ithaca.

Kind regards to all & friends from

Yours

Glen may as
Bellevue Saturday night

G W Lawrence

Dear Mother,

I am glad to hear from you so often. I am sorry to hear that you have been ill. I hope you are better now. I am very busy at present. I have been working hard at my studies. I am getting on well with my work. I am glad to hear that you are all well at home. Give my love to all the children. I will write again soon. Your loving son,

[illegible]

[illegible] is demanded by all [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] matters. [illegible] [illegible] goes [illegible] very well. From this [illegible] to the Tunnel [illegible] in no hurry about. All this end of the tunnel for a half Mile will be made [of] the Material Coming out of the tunnel & [at] the tunnel. this 1/2 Mile is light wor[k] [illegible] [illegible]. It [illegible] [illegible] Mo. from Factory [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all be done during the Coming fall. The work at the Tunnel goes bravely on, we have through the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] End, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] well. It is not [illegible] [illegible] it is a [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Grain & timber [illegible]. It will be sufficient, [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not have a better work to work [illegible]. We shall shorten the time [illegible] Elongating the [illegible] [illegible] 00 ft. [at] each end, reducing [illegible] to [illegible] instead of 24. This will hasten the [illegible], but [illegible] no money. From the tunnel down to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 3 [illegible]. [illegible] an [illegible] & the grade Commenced. this is [illegible] light work. [illegible] [illegible] rough [illegible] points, all will be done in No[v]. I Calculate that of the 20 Mi[les] between [illegible] & Mountain Creek, that 16/20ths of it will [be] ready for the track in 60 days, & in the mean time a ~~considerable~~ of a start will be made on Mountain Creek. that portion of the line is now

Scranton Sept. 8. 1850

Henry Hill Esq. Pres.
N. St. C. Bank.

Sir.

I have my draft. Comes due the 10th inst. for a letter on $8000. Accepted M. Griffin & Le Doux. I have arranged to pay $2000. & have drawn on the Same parties for unfortunately .. 2 Drafts do. 4 mos. for each for $1875. 15/100. & enclose them to you. Hoping & trusting that it will be agreeable for the Comm. Bank to Discount them. Please do me the favr. to present them before your Board. with an argument in favr. of the Makers. & if agreed to. Charge me debt & Exchange as you shall deem proper. & send proceeds after deducting same to M. C. Doux. for the whole amt.

Mr Jas Stokes & Family, & Mr Clinton & Daus have just left here for N.Y. I will (for want of room) refer you to Mr S. for a Report &c of all our doings. he can tell you of the great flood which we have just passed through entirely unequalled by any thing that has ever occurd in this section for 50 Years, as much as our letters. It is reported that we have excepted to rail and Canal all along the Lost 2 Weeks & half of the Old great Creek, & Part of the Lackawanna altogether Say 3 Score Miles. Mr Stokes can tell you. He took off it & worked on all day. you will hear from him. he will give you a full acct. We return to Reckon home for a Longer flood than this.

I am with best Regards to you all
Truly Yrs. G. W. Scranton.

Chicago Ill. Jan 5 1920

Mrs. Mary Mitchell Sr. Post

Mr. C. Bond

Dear Sir.

I have this day drawn Coupon
No. 10 Cash for $100.00 Coupon
No. [illegible] for $100.00 Coupon
No. [illegible] for $100.00 Coupon
No. [illegible]

15. 75. 65/100 Dolls

Lackawanna Iron M
Scranton P.O. Sept. 7

Four Months after date. Please pa
the order of Henry Hollenback Esq Rec.
Fifteen Hundred. Seventy five & 65/100 Dollars
Value rec. and Charge as advised to

To. F. R. Griffin Esq
Guilford Ct.

Very Resp. Yours &c.
Geo. W. Scranton

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To. Wm E. Dodge Esq
New York City

Very Resp. Yours &c.
Geo. W. Scranton

Mr. Thos. Wells

Albert Lea Minn Nov 19
Received Pd. $1.25

Dear Sir: Please ship me
the Works of Henry Ward Beecher.
Yellow Morocco. Library Size. Price $12.50
Yellow Morocco. Ordinary Size. Price $10.00
Yellow Sheep. Ordinary Size. Price $8.00
Yours Truly
H. H. Hollister
Per [illegible]

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Per [illegible]

Sept. 3. 1850

Wm E Dodge Esq.

Dr Sir.

My two drafts accepted by you & Mr Griffin for $2535.00/100 each fall due 10th Sept. they will come from the City Bank New Haven. I have drawn on you & Mr Griffin at 4 mo. for 1575.65/100 & had them to [illegible] Whitehead Co. [illegible] & have to send proceeds to you, & Mr Blain will send you dft for $2000. which I hope will all come to hand in time. & cause you as little trouble as possible. Mr Miller & family just left. I will refer you to him for an acct of Penitentiary in [illegible]. & for an acct of the most fearful flood that ever occurred in the country. I hope & trust we all feel thankful to a wise Providence for the [illegible] an [illegible] [illegible] the Storm has not been general, or extensive

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. The C. N. R. R. Co have 2 notes falling due this mo.

one of $10,000. to S D Pardee [illegible] N. Haven, due at Merchants Ex. Bk. Sept. 7/10th inst

one of $5000 [illegible] [illegible] 7/10. inst. I think there are some [illegible] with the B. Bank [illegible] [illegible] & the Bank [illegible] the latter. the former I do not know at all. I hope it will be convenient for you & Mr [illegible] to arrange for them.

In gt haste I am Truly &c

Jos. W. Scranton

10 a 12 dr. p. [illegible]

[illegible]

a Sleigh Ride [illegible]

[illegible] Room the Next Morning [illegible]

a day Not [illegible]

a few days [illegible]

New Year Presents [illegible]

or any time a Pleasure [illegible]

Confirmation [illegible]

I shall [illegible]

Recollection. I [illegible]

[illegible]

Have you Room [illegible]

in the Room [illegible]

Are the Ravens [illegible]

the Ark! I must [illegible]

soon as long. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Sincerely

Office Seneca Falls & [illegible]
Seneca Falls & [illegible]

[illegible] Hills

Dr. Sir.

Your Telegram [illegible] of the 26th ult. has been [illegible] Confidential. Plan accepted by Messrs. [illegible] Canada & Northern Railroad Company.

If a line is to be made from Auburn & the N.Y.C. & E.R.R. it will be of great importance to the C.A. & C. Co. that it should be carried at Ithaca. If by way of the County Town Ithaca will be entitled to a good line & easy grades can be had. & the expense of grading low. In Comparison with R.R. in your Valley. Middletown & Binghamton via Ithaca will be only [illegible] miles further, than by route proposed. The Capitalists agreed to get a Charter in the name of the Co. Could take to induce the R.R. to Binghamton direct. it might then easily be laid to Ithaca. I will confer with some of our Directors in relation. & will recommend that you & Your Partner do the same. and furnish such information as you can give me of the movements in the Valley from time to time will be received with pleasure & carefully considered. Plan forward on hand & pass to other Hills. & remain Dear Sir Yours &c

Wm. [illegible]

Engineer Corps
Canada Southern R.R.

McKinney Iron Works

Scranton P.O. Sept 13/5.

Messrs Conyngham Brock

Gent.

Yours of the 6th inst. duly noticed. We have heard thro. Mr Jones very favr. accounts of your Spike Machine. a model of which he saw in N.Y. We are therefore disposed to Offer you for 2 Machines $2500. this was $500 more than we at first supposed they would Cost. We think the price of the Machine high. and look at the Extreme Competition that is already growing up in the Manufacture of Spikes. & the Continued reduced prices at which Spikes are being made. we have felt that the Investment would be Over done & the prices so low that it would be unsafe following.

The Only Inducement we have now to buy is. he is to make the Spikes for our Legally R.R. The track will be Commenced & Laid as fast as Rail fall. We shall do one of two things. Immediately, either buy the Machine. or the Spikes. If you have the Machine we want them as soon as they Can be got here.

We have Concluded to Offer you twenty seven hundred & Fifty Dollars. $2750. for 2 Machines Del. & put up, as in Operation. the Machines to be as you describe them. perfect. & the right guaranteed &c. the Size we use for Spike is 9/16 Square.

Very Resp. Yours

Scranton, Penn

Mr. Clemens
Hartford
Conn.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 6th duly
received. We have been
out of town for a few days
or we would have
answered sooner. We
have the matter under
consideration and will
write you in a few days
more definitely.

Yours truly,

Chas. L. Webster & Co.

Office Scuth York R.R. Co
Scranton Sept 14, 1850

Mr Lewis Reed
Sir.

Yours of the 8th inst. was also of the 29th ult. have been duly
I am sorry that the Man you hired to hew timber was Obstructing him on the last time went to work accidentally struck the Chords. & hurt him, & they will be on the 11th inst. Day & today I am heard in the Del & Bridge Road 4 of the 5 miles of Road finished. We shall have all the Chords kept clear & they will be very firm. The Road master is all contracted for & is getting out rock & the prospect now is that it will be Del[illegible] by the first. None of You[illegible] are aware to the [illegible] good [illegible] to bring with you [illegible] what men can [illegible] here. We have not had men enough to do it. I will let you have a large force to work on it to [illegible] use. It is [illegible] to be at Mr [illegible] at in Carbon for the month. I will write you again next week, or else to the [illegible] Comes home Sunday. The Contract for Brandt Rock is [illegible]

Office Asst Qr Mr Gen'l U.S.A.
Beaufort Sept 23, 63

A. Sprague Esq. Asst
Dr Sir.

Since my last to you
Commodore Rod Foward & Lieut Gen Hooker
& who are going to send us. We put the time
away from 15th inst to 1st Oct. By the next
Montauk will be fair on the 1st I was expecting
that you would not be able to come for a few days
after the 1st. I write merely to say that I
expect to be in N York during the first week in
Oct. I cannot now fix the day. I leave to go
to Reading for N. Y. & shall write to get there
my business is to be seen by the time
party arrive. I would now suggest that the time
be fixed at about the 2d or 3d Oct. when there will be
much more to see. Have you?

We think we are getting along finely
with our work. We hope soon to have you here
when this letter reaches.

With best respects to all your
household. I am
Most respectfully Yours

Geo W Strawbridge

Office Lacka Gas R. R. Co
Scranton Pa Oct 23 70

Mr. John Best
Sir.

We have not got men able
to get a Counter heuer. the Chains are
all out. & the Sawed timber will all be
Delivered in 12 days. it is Coming in now.
we shall be disadvantaged in getting stone
& Masons also to build the Pier at the
Lackawanna Bridge in time, we must
raise a good & the foundation & put on
a frame pier,

I have left you now as
long as possible. & you must now
arrange to be here in a week. with all
the hands you can work to any kind of
advantage, I hope you have got Gun
Powder out of danger. & that you will not
be the loser to the Extent you feared—

Yours

Geo W Scranton
Genl Agent

Mrs. Edith Park Hall
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.
Madison Park
New York.

My dear Mrs. Hall:

It was very kind of you to send me your
letter of the 12th inst. with the check for
$100.00 in payment of my premium due April 1st.
I am glad to be able to make this payment
promptly.

Yours very truly,

Vice President.

Office Locks & R. R. Co
Oct. 28th 1850

W. Sollers Esq
Dr Sir.

Since my return home I have been so much occupied that I have not had time to write to You. as I promised. We have had a large party here from New York. to attend to.

Your 2 letters have been rec'd. and noted. the 1st one relative to the price of the small Engine & Boy. that I do not think the Eagle Creek. the different in the price I think to great. I think the Eagle one will do very good. & that is what you to send it along home as possible. every thing that can be got there. via Canal Pitts. as the Carting from Tarrytown is a bad bargain.

Please go on & get up the Planing Machine & all the Machinery necessary to make the Cars. & such tools as you in your judgement shall deem necessary for use there Hunter, the size of which I have not been able to get yet. but you may go on with the Pattern. we will make them 34 in. - You may say Memphis & Hannan for the wood of Cooley York Co. 40 cts Pr Pc Bm. at Newark. dated 27th Oct. 1850, if they will accept this I will send them an order for the Bows immediately on Closing the Contract.

You had best engage one or two Men & send them out as sequants. &c. get an old of Bm — & a Smith or two to work at the Bm work. You had better not return till you close the matter with Mr Cooley York Co I will write you tomorrow week again — Carlton is Fifty Dolls

Yours truly

G. W. Cervin

Mrs. Mallory
Dear

Office of Legal Aid
Dec. 30, 1950

Please do not address them Mrs. Mallory
when it is you or I personally. Use them as
form letters. Use Mrs. Mallory.

Then a little more time? Mrs. Mallory. Mrs.
is the usual title for a married woman. Miss
is not. Mrs. Mallory. Mrs. Mallory. Mrs. Mallory.

Scrantonia Oct 28. 1850

D. H. Dotten Esq
Sir.

I wrote you hastily this morning. & now add a few lines more.. Since writing I have found the drawing of the Car. & rec'd your letter of the 24th inst. You had better not return here till you get every family Started at Reading.

We are now in want of 10 or 12 Good Bridge builders or good workmen in wood, & if you can conveniently send them do so. We want 8 or 10 Carpenters also. We have no houses. We must depend upon single men. or married men who can leave their families. The Country is rather. board is 2½ dolls a week. for Carpenters we pay 16/ 14/ & 12/ pr day. & Good Bridge Builders. 16/ 17/ & 14/ pr Day. depending upon the qualities of the Man — Send also you 6 or 8 first rate hands for Railway Cars. & 3 or 4. good blacksmiths also.. We can find room for men who can work into the Car trade If we do we shall build. please inform how to prepare the apparatus for Cooking & get a first rate Moulder to come on when we get ready. please inform me how soon you will have the Latter. I must Machine boring & ready to ship — I let me hear what Mr. Murphy & Hannum conclude upon soon as you can..

With kind regards to you all.

I am Yours truly

Wm. Scranton

Cleveland Oct 26. 1850

Dear Father

I have just received your letter of the 22d
inst. and hasten to answer it. I am very sorry
to hear that you have been sick, but hope that
you are now entirely well. I am very busy at
present, and have but little time to write. I
have been to Painesville twice since I came
here, and have had a very pleasant time. I
have been to Mr Hubbard's, Mr Perkins's, Mr
Storrs's, Mr Tracy's, Mr Hitchcock's, Mr Kirtland's,
Mr Mather's, Mr Whitlock's, Mr Hoyt's, Mr Hoyt's
Mr Hoyt's, Mr Hoyt

John Jay Phelps Esq
Pres

Office Seneca Gold M Co
Oct 28. 1850

S Sir.

You asked Jason of the Clerk is the moment we are and as I have abt 30 m before the Eastern Mail arrives. will start day. that at the time of our retirement to draw off from the Town we had 350 men at work there. we have got the force down to abt 50. now. we have drawn them off just as fast as possible. we do not take the force off. until a suitable place was prepared to set them at work. the movement was so sudden. that the work was not prepared for so large a detachment here to go on to. we had at that time not so much of right of way settled on the Madison Creek. we are attending to this now & have got abt 4 m. settled & cut upon. we shall draw the last of men off as fast as possible - they Turned Face on Cook men & had to be thrown North. if we do not take work among the Farmers. I think have explained this to Mr Griffin & the Gent. with us. but in the multitude of other matters forgot it. You will see the reason now & Can explain to our friends - Every thing is going on finely. we have had a few days bad weather but better now.

Now a word on the Elmira Project in the 1st Place there is no Charter to go from Pittston to Elmira. there was one once but the State refused it. may have expired

Office of Civil Defense
Washington, D.C.

steam if not confined with the North Branch Canal
from the being a Hole work. will it be wonderful for
a Co. to get a Charter. Secretary of the Com. should
work that Canal.! I think not - of a Rail Road
down go North. there is no other way but the valley
of Susq. that a R. Road can be laid. the Susquehanna
Rail Road any thing with the Legislature but we will
find out different. when we have stopped
the Survey in Chenango is not a mile can be laid Road
North. for Elmira.! & who a. can many & could
so long a line of R. when there is one now being
built that will answer just as well.

Still. I think it can interest & more in
the Matter. on Can by proper & prudent
measures secure the Line the County, & keep them
reasons to Control the Road proper, & thereby put
a quietus to any rival or new project.

We R. See the Owners of the Survey & Just
have been understanding with them, let them
know that we are on the proper Route for them &
to Connect with, when they understand our true position
they will see that it will be difficult to move
against us. Seldon will be here to day. he has
undertaken that Public Charter, & I will see that it
is put in train. the Lands shall be attended to.
& that without any Expectation.

How soon may we expect to see you
here!

In haste I am respectfully Yrs

Wm. H. Seward

Hon Gen Root

Camden Pa: Oct 29 18

Wm R Humphrey Esq
My Dear Sir.

Yours of the 25th is rec'd & in reply to say that you had better see the parties who have furnished the Turn Table for the Erie R.R. & get Proposals from them to put up on Contract for a fixed price. The Man that built the Table at Dyberry I think lives in Binghamton: (you can find out) proposed to build one for us for 1000 or 1200 $ all put up with gearing. So that one man C.d turn the Engine then there is another Co: at Corning I think. that proposed: both the first named. Such up a good table & is a likely Workey & an honest looking man if you get a new one you want it quick & have to make your Contract to be del.d & put up in a given Number of days — & tell him if it is not you You must pay him a Cent. You had better Come no time in Seeing after this matter. I do not remember whether he offered to do the Mason work included in the price of 1100 or 1200 $ — but you can find out.

You can have R & H Henry send a Statement of the amt now laid & unlaid on B & E. R.R. as measured by Mr Richardson. & any additional amt. that has been done since Dec.r & his or your Opinion as to the Cubic Contents of his ofs. & No of Miles of R.R. & we want to settle with Our Co. for Rivets &c. Don't forget this. Let him send Statement from the Date of last returns to the last Summer as his ofs for Lackawaxen will then

Mr. Dr. Meinhardt
Berlin.

Charlottenburg, den 29. Okt. 18

As soon as we find out how much the Com[pany] owe them we will Pay them, then Charges against us are wrong. they have Charged us with ft on the Iron Bot[t] from St. L. to Dupo. & then they Charge us ft on the Iron fr Lackawaxen to Dupo. they mean to use the Iron in Pay[t] at the Mouth of Lack[a] & not at Dupo i.e. in the last Spring bot— dont make any Settlement with them without Consulting me.

Steph Reuben has got all the Cars & 20 ton Iron at Dupo to Come down by the present fresh in the Riv[r] S— but are in want of the Cars—

Leiden & Allen have not yet returned. they must like Ottawa as well as I did. as they do not stay so long. I hope the last Rain has not injured Your R[d] cutting and rea[y] to go all I am hastily Yours

Wm McClanahan

Yours truly,

Wm. McClellan

Scranton Pa Oct 29 18

James Solfre Esq
Dr Sir

Your favour of the 24th inst is rec'd & noticed. Upon looking over our work and Superintendance thereof. I can see no place to offer Your Son. Our Bridges are all provided for. I have a first rate man to build them all. on tract will be Commenced at this End of Law all the way thro. We have an excellent foreman for this Job. with sundry assistants. in fact we have a surplus of all kinds of men. except Common Laborers, at this time. Shd any thing offer in the Spring. that wd suit Your Son. I will be happy to inform You. of Your Son Shd there be occasion.

I am very Resp'
Your Obt Svt
Geo W. Scranton

Clarendon Pa Oct 27 18

Mrs Ellen Orr

Mrs Reeves 4 Mr Neal

is dead & buried. When Sterling was on his last
trip down with me. I saw her. She has had a
stiff time for. Her daughter on the Farm is
sick & I feel sorry for her. Mr Neal
will be Seventy on the 2nd & has all his life
been a hard working Man. He is feeble
& Mrs Reeves Married. He had two sons & three
of Mrs Neals Married. Mr Neal Seventeen Children.
Mrs Ellen Reeves. Mr. Neal Farm is in Mt Pleasant. Mrs
Reeves Farm I sold to Phillip & Wayne Yeo. If
You Ever Pay This Way Do Stop.

I am very Truly
Yours W. Alexander

Office Sugar Gap R.R. Co
Atlanta Oct 29. 1850.

Jno. I. Phelps Esq. Pres.
Dr Sir.

Since my return home from N
via. Phila & Reading R. I have had my hands so full. th
I have not had time to give you any acc. of the Objt.
of my trip that way. which was to see a new plan of
Coal Car. & Car wheel. & various kinds of machinery to mak
the same &c. The Coal Car is made chiefly of wood. the
body & Springs are wood. it is considered by all who have seen
it to be the best & cheapest Car now in use. it was got up
by Jno. Millholland. Master Machinist &c of the Reading R.R.
Shops. Mr. M. has a Patent for the wooden Springs - for which
has offered to sell the right to us. for all the Cars we may chose
to make for Sugar Gap. Co. & Lateral branches - for $300
or $4. pr Car. I offd him $2000. for the right. which he d.
not yet accepted. as am preparing to make the Cars offer
pay him $4. the Car will be acceptable for 2000 $ as near that
sum. The saving in the 1st Cost of the wooden Springs over any
other kind is $25. pr Car. besides being better. they have abt
1200. of them Cars now running on the Reading R. I gather
a good deal of information relative to the Comparative wear
of these Cars over any other in use on that R. from different
Men in employ of the Co. at Pt. Richmond. & all along the line
the Boatmen who live in Reading. now but few to move here or on
Road Machines. Car builders &c &c. has paid particular attention
to these Cars. he thinks they are the best Car decidedly they have
used them. Mr Millholland has invented & got up machinery
to prepare the Stuff for the Cars. Such as Circular saws

Office Legate Nash R.R. Co
Clarence Oct 27 1920.

Wm J Phelps Esq: Pres.
Ft Wo.

Dear Sir Yours Nov 25 rec'd
re. Pres & Treasurer &c. I have not my Notes
I have not had time to open yet & the
I pay both Mail mail. Notes are to be a Note
Coal Co. & Co Notes. & Notes Notes & Pres
the Notes &c. The Coal Co & Notes Supply & Notes. He
Notes & Notes on Note, it is Customary by all the Note Notes
it is to be left & Cashier Co Notes is Note. it was
by the Phillipsburg Notes Notes Notes & & Ft Wo
Supply. Notes Ft Wo & Pres by Ft Notes Supply - Ft Notes
Ft Supply to Ft Ft Supply to Ft & Ft Co Notes Pres Notes
to Notes Ft Supply Supply. Ft & Notes Notes - Ft 300
Ft & Ft Co. Ft Supply Notes Notes Ft Supply. Notes Ft Ft
Ft Ft Co Ft Ft Notes Ft Ft Ft Ft Ft Ft Ft Ft Ft
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Machine for Boring. Mortising. Tenoning. Morticing. &c.
&c. Lathes for Turning axles. & Machine for Putting the
on the Axles &c besides many others. not necessary
now for us. He has kindly Offered me the Patterns of
all the foregoing. & I have got the Machining all done
now at Dotterers Shop in Reading, & a Pattern Car at
Camplels. 6 ft. gauge. Iron &c. which will soon be sent
back from! They are also using the Spoke wheel. Solid
Hub. instead of the Split Hub. banded. & filled with Zinc. or
Lead often. Then is also a Patent. Murphy & Sauerman
have obtained a Patent for Cooling the Hub. by means of
a Current of air. which is passed thro the Hub immediately
after the Wheel is Poured or Cast. the intention of
which is to Cool the Hub as fast as the rim. thereby taking
off all Strain from the rim. The Reading Co. Pay $400 for
the Patent. We & S. have Off me the agent $ 1200 for.
I have Off $1100. & am in — answer. the Cost of
handing & filling a hub is, Solid Hub. then is
Sawed & a better wheel is + 200 of them
Wheels are now running in the & they make no
other kind, they have first rate box. got
up at Reading. which is not Patented nor will not be. the
Patterns for this I obtained. Millholland will assist us in
getting up any thing that they are now using at the Co
Shops. that we may deem necessary for our use. &
will be of a good deal of service to us in these
Matters. We shall have out side bearings on the
Coal Cars. the Erie Co use inside. consequently too
boxes. which call loudly for Oil. the Machines
alluded to above for boring tenoning &c will each
save the work or labor of 20 men.

Dear Mr. Hart

Please send me a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Yours truly,

Thomas Jefferson

We now think of making an addition to our Foundry. 30×50. which will give us Moulding room sufficient for Years & come to Cast all required for our own purposes & Lyons Gok. or any other Road. so that we shall not require to have an Establishment about the Depot. as we the men are to Cast our wheels &c in the Lyons Gok Co's Shop. If the weather will permit we intend to put up on the Depot Ground our Car Shop. in which the Machinery for wood work will be placed. & we all think here that we had better buy that Engine made for the Plank at Ithaca. & Dotterer (& now them) & put it up to drive the Shops here. it Cost $3600. is a first rate Engine. rather Larger than we want here for a Year or two but as it belongs to the same family it might as well be put to work. I had asked to sell it to Williams. but he is so slow about that Matter that I fear it will rust out before any thing is done. as they pressed please Confer with Some of our friends & give me their views. it can be brot from Owego to Elmira in an Ark. for 40 $

I wrote You hastily Yesterday relative to Mr Kearney the free from the Tunnel. which I trust will satisfactorily Explain the reason why all had not yet left. I might have added another reason. that we have to provide Shanties for the men to live in. which had to be built. & the Land. damages Settled. before it will be proper to take possession - I have made Settlements to day for a higher Mow on Newton Creek. -

Dear Mrs. Hunt, I am writing for a catalogue of your
Chinese rug. 30×70. Before sending for one I would like
to know if there is any of the rugs on sale
now at a lower price. Also I would like to know
what net returns to me you allow for delivery and
packing and if you pay express charges. Yours
truly, [illegible]

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Mammoth. as we shall Obtain very good line & grades not Exceeding from 60 to 70 ft. per Mile. on our temporary track around the tunnel and a good road bed. over which we can carry all the tonage any of us anticipate. for say the first 3 or 4 Years. & have it also perfectly Satisfactory to the traveling Public. (which is more so than by the Tunnel) Do it not be advisable to abandon the idea. & work on the Tunnel entirely. for the above length of time. & let that be built from the Canon of the Road. or abandon the work on the tunnel entirely until the Road is Open! after which we shall all be better able to judge what Course will be wisest to adopt.

I suppose it will be necessary to decide upon the Size of our Locomotives soon. I had intended to have Conferred with Mr Jones & got his Opinion as to Size of Cylinder & some other parts. & furnished the same to the Committee on Contracts. Jones has had a good deal of Experience in Locomotives. having Commenced his Career as Nat Pr Life as fireman on an Engine. Mr Rogers Considers his Judgement good in this particular. Jones is up the line when he returns I will talk with him on the Subject & write you—

Mr Griffin will Confer with you & others relative to the Hotel. no time sh[ould] be lost in this Matter. the House sh[ould] be a large one. & the plan decided upon soon. & the work sh[ould] be gone on this winter. or it will not be up in time for the Opening!

I am very Truly Your Obt. Sr

Geo W Schaeffer Gnl. Agt.

Office Legette Gat & R.R.
Scrantonia Nov 1. 1858.

Lt. Gilmore &c
S.F.in.

This will be handed you by Mr O. L. Halstead. who I have Employed to purchase Hay. Straw. Grain & Feed. & Live to the delivery of the Same at the Stables. Along the line. Mr. Halstead lives in Bruton & has a large acquaintance thro. the County north & is to devote his whole time & entire attention to ... business & interests. and as the Season advances. we shall be obliged to go further to find an supplies. & it appears to me that it will pay to have one mans entire attention to this branch of business. You will therefore be relieved from this & can therefore devote more time to the Horses. Coals & C. C. please go over the line with Mr Halstead & give him your views. of Contracts given at the different places. weekly. and all the information relative to the trade & Manner of doing it. to our best interest. & make any Suggestions that will be of Service to him & us.

I think we shd. prepare a place for Rec'd & Storing grain & other Supplies at Mouth of Masters Creek. & another some mile. above that point.

Very Resp'y Yours.

Geo. W. Scranton Jun'r.

Office of Legislative Work Rm
Governors Mansion
Albany

My dear Mr. Mallett.

Will you be kind enough to
have Gov. Glynn. Mem. Speed + Lee to be
Delegates of the Assn at the Atlantic City Mtg.
Nov. 4th Hotel Dinn in Phoenix + Mem a
Lge Representative Mtg. Mr County Meeting +
is desire his Hotel Dinn + Entire Committee
to ... Memorial + Mutual Co. ... Mr Glynn
Conference. Mr Mead + College + Mr Perkins +
Fine Mr Pendleton. + if Officer + Mr Mat it will
Pay to have Mr Mem Entire Committee + Mr
Memorial Memorial. Mr Mr Mayor + Mr Mr
Mem Mr + Com Mayor Mayor Mem Mem + Mr
Mem. Mat Mrs. Mr Mr Mr Mr Mr
with The Hotel + Mr Mem Mem. Mr Mat.
+ Mem at Mr Different Mr Mr. Mat. Mr Mat
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Mr. McClennan Mrs

Schuylerville Nov. 5. 1850

W. H. Nicholson Esq.

Dear Sir.. Your letters have been all rec'd & noted with Satisfaction, the matter of ~~the~~ Right of way filing Bonds &c for the Upper Canal can be postponed till Jan'y Court in Sus Co! Now then for the Hitchcock matter, I want you to see Hatfield again & get him to see Hitchcock & have him make a proposition in writing to me of the very best thing he will do, as to price & terms of Payment. Let him make the 1st Pay. say 3000 $. or giving Bonds & bal. divided in say Annual Payments, it will not do for me to get a verbal proposition from H. as if I don't accept he will very likely fly back from the Paper &c. or draw; but if it was in writing, giving me say one week to consider the matter, then I &c. act one way or the other. perhaps Maxwell & Associate Conyngham with him. You know better how they will do. than I. but the Proposition I want just as soon as possible, & you must Coolbaugh talk to work to bring it about. the reward shall be forth coming to the Penny, provided it shall result in a purchase - If we can do any thing in this matter, it is important that it be done soon! please understand that I want the best proposition that can be got. whether high or low. & when rec'd I will decide. If the Proposition C'd Contract a

Clearwater Nov. 3, 1970

Dear ...

Your letter has been out
[illegible] I moved to the middle of
the week before last. Our phone is still
disconnected but I'm sure it will be on
[illegible] Now I'm back to my old job
at the Clearwater Public Library, & most
of the time I enjoy it. I'm not sure
[illegible] I'm not getting any younger, &
it's very demanding physically, & I'm
tired when I get home. But I like the
people I work with & the public. The
[illegible] is a perfect workplace for
me. Or so it seems.

Have you heard from Bill? I have
[illegible] I'm not sure
[illegible] I'm not sure
[illegible] I'm not sure

Settlement of all the Stone Wall Land Cleary betterments &c without a recourse to appraisers as Contemplated in the Agreement. So much the better, Let me hear from you Often -

I hope you will get a favorable reply from Baird & the Bank. I think that will fix them out right, when you know any thing tell it to us!

The Patent right Deed was O.K,

Hastily Yours

Geo. M. Scranton

The bearer will return tomorrow. You can send by him! who wrote that wonderful article in the Ivy Democrat. Touching Mr "Benton"!!

Dearest. of all the dear most dear
Clara. better must ever must a
heaven to Clara's & Christmas
in the days must. to mend the miles
by me here for the Clara -
I like you will get a few what
for dear & the Road. I think not
will the mile out Dec 21st. when you
have our Mary. till it is a
The Postal with Love from Wm
Merry Xmas

Wm McDermott

The Lord, with Mary Clara. We can not
Mine! like most that Merry Xmas with
in the Lord Clara. Dec 21st Love

Office Sligo Gap R. R. Co
Scrabtown Pa. Nov 6. 1850

D. K. Dollerer Esq
Dr Sir.

Yours of the 2d inst. Enclosing Murphy & Sammons Deed for Patent right to use of the same for our 2 Companies is rec'd. We will accept the Proposition. but we may wish to Change the transfer or Deed & Make it more Explicit. they must guarantee to us the undisturbed right or protect us against the Claims of others. who may come in & lay Cla[illegible] upon improvement, and then the right to run [illegible] Cars on the Ens of R. Chemung R.R. or on the Structures that may be Connected with our Road, or the Ens. over which we may [illegible] I presume this is the intention & understanding. yet by this Deed it is to be questionable whether we shall have the right to Claim our [illegible] over them, R. R. & Structures, or we may in a short time Connect Sligo Gap with the Canyon [illegible] R. R. deliver Coal & Get Cars we want it understood that we have the right to run over such a R. R. when built by the parties owning the 2 Ends. say L. G. & Co's R. If there is no Objection to any such Change of the Deed when [illegible] Certainly all right & according to understanding. we will draw the Deed for the Parties to Sign. You will please write me & if the above [illegible] the parties in Phila to whom

Office Legal Aid R.C.
Received Dec. Dec 6, 1920

Mr. Walters Esq
Sir

Please find enclosed

Iron is to be shipped! dont understand
is meant to Expect the right to make. Wood &
Wheels & Allen Co? all we want is to make
it. for our own Cars. to run on our own Road &
Iron Rail. (Over which we must Haul to get on
to C & A) & the Branches which we are Connected
We are interested in. now it may be benefical. &
we think we may, with the Coal on our own
Land! I will draw up a paper which I think
will be right & send it to you by tomorrow mail.

We are Strongly in the Notion of Putting up
a part of the Machine Shop this Fall. Say the
West Shop. in which you will want to place the
Circular Saws. Lumber. Tenantry & planing machine
We can get a great deal of Brick Laying in 2 or
weeks. Isbo Co? Went up a Shop 60 x 110. (or any size
we may think best) in 10 Days. perhaps you had
better. be here by next Tuesday. prepared to make
drawings? we are all most wish you are
here up the Machinery. for the Shop! with Kind
Regards to your family &c. Yours Truly

Geo W Swanton Gen Agt.

Dear Mr. Hilbert,

Thank you very much for your letter of 28 December. I am very glad to hear that you are well and that you have been enjoying your holiday. I am also glad to hear that you have been able to make such good progress with your work. I look forward very much to seeing you in Göttingen in the spring and to hearing about your latest results.

I am sorry to say that I have been very busy since I returned from my holiday and have not had much time for mathematics. I have been giving a course of lectures on Analytic Functions, which has taken up a great deal of my time. I have also been engaged in some work on the Theory of Numbers, but I have not yet obtained any results of importance. I hope to be able to devote more time to mathematics after Easter.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

G. H. Hardy

Scranton Pa. Nov 6. 1850.

H. Baldwin Esq
D. Sir.

On my return to this place some 4 weeks since I found your fav. of Sept 24th which I had intended to answer ere this. To the Enquiries you make I can say That our Co. feel an interest in the proposed Road from Syracuse to Binghampton. One manufacturing Rail R. Iron, Chairs & Spikes, & the Co is ready to furnish the same on fair terms for that R. & are willing in Part Payment Bonds similar to those in the Bonds just Mortgaged on the R. Our Company having large interests in Roads now built & proposed, which seems to them must to their interest to aid, will not be prepared to take Stock in the Syracuse & Binghampton R. R.

The Seventh Ward R. R. will connect with the Erie R.R. at Gt. Bends. It will be completed in Some Way less than one Year from this date.

Coal will be furnished at Binghampton by alt. $2.80 at Owego alt. 3.10 at Ithaca alt. 3.90 at Syracuse via Cayuga Lake & Erie Canal alt. 4.30. the Entire Length of the Seventh Ward R.R. is 48 miles. Perhaps Coal can be taken from Binghampton to Syracuse via. Chenango & Erie Canal. Cheaper than via Cayuga Lake & Erie Canal! We hope you will be prepared to use our Coal the ensuing Season & will be ready to give you Comfort & interest.

I am Truly & very Respt. Your Obt Svt

Dimanche le Juin 6 1920.

A. Baldwin Esq
Jr Pres.

My dear Sir

Scrantonia Dec. 8th 1850

D. & Sellers Esq.
Dr Sir.

Yours of the 4th is all noted with satisfaction. You will be in receipt of a letter from me on this relation to the wheels &c which I trust will be satisfactory! We will forward the funds to the Manufacturer of the Machinery ordered by you from here, & whatever amt. you require for Payt of pts. let us know & we will send it to you at Reading! We will do the best we can towards forwarding 2 Rooms for the Man you speak of. Just at this moment we have not a place unoccupied! We have one or two Boarders engaged & we shall require & Expect a addition to our Carpenter force. We like more but there is no place to board them, we have plenty of Masons now—

The Anvils & Vises: We get in New York warrant we shall roll the iron for Car Boxes!, The Axles we shall roll as soon as we get a new pair of Rolls finished! We can roll enough for 400 Cars in 4 days—

The Castings for the Brass furnace You can make & send by the Boat!. The oil cups for the Cars You can order. & Employ the Man to make the Pipes for Water. The Iron is not yet here. perhaps the Man had better remain at R until after you come here. & then might be best—with regard to the hands

Cincinnati Nov. 7th 1830

My dear Wallace

Many of the 4th are notes

we shall soon be ready some of our Masons
& Quarrie which will liberate men from our
Town for other Mechanical -

Hoping that you are doing all in your
power to urge forward the work before the Canal
closes. & that you will soon be here yourself
I will close. with best wishes to Cincinnati &
our friends I am Respectfully

Geo. W. Scranton
Genl. Agt. L. & M. R.R.

Office Scranton Gas & R.R. Co
Scranton Pa. Feb 20 50

R. Griffiths Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your val favr. of the 5th inst. rec'd. and noted with Satisfaction. We are pleased to hear that you have obtained so handsome a Subscription to the Hotel Stock, the Remainder will take soon— We notice also the Additions made to the Church Subscription. We hope that we may Rush Matters (forward) with the Hotel!

Now a word about the Plan of Hotel. We have had Plans of Several Hotels, & have been talking over the Subject of a Suitable House (a good deal. The Plan of the Hotel to be given by R. G. & Sons Enclosed) It Strikes us that after looking at all the Plans there is no Plan preferable to the Wilkes Barre House. We do not expect to build quite so large a House as the Latter! but a House on that Plan w'd Certainly be Convenient. 2 Ladies C'd be built now & left all right to add to it on occasion & require— Say it 3 Stories high. with a high Roof not for Bar Room Barber Shop. Kitchen &c. &c. the Halls & Staircases of that House are Convenient Easy & Simple — Loses little room. Have Most any of the Rooms Light & Airy! the Rooms are easy of Access. all Lay'd, Entry and Basement. Have just been in Dr. Throop's [illegible]

Mardi 8 Juin.

Mon cher Jean, il me semble
que nous nous sommes disputés. Je ne
sais si tu en as gardé rancune, mais
moi je suis désespéré. Je ne peux
pas rester comme cela. Il faut que
nous nous expliquions. Viens me voir
aujourd'hui, je t'en prie, je t'attends.
Ton ami qui t'aime

Jacques

this being the Case, a large Hotel Can be built here very Cheap. and, as it is now certain that we are going to be a Great Place, wd it not be best to make suitable preparations to Entertain the traveling Pb. this in a very Satisfactory Manner? a large House well Kept wd be largely Patronized here at once. I hope that a suitable Man Can be found to Keep it. & one who wd be able & willing to furnish the House himself. I think this Can be done on a long Lease, or Short Lease with agreement & proper Limitations, if both Parties are so disposed. &c.

This proposed Lot is large & will be in the Center of the City. & with the Lots that Can be sold off as Lease for other Buildings will make this Property to the Owner a good Stock & Check Property! we propose that the Building shall be good and very imposing but finished plain inside. Can it be built by Contract; or Can you propose to the Irish Lords, by a fair rate Man. I think we should Want, abt. $14.000. to build the House Stable & outbuildings. Pray let us hear from you soon. & only say & Can you keep in Mind that this is going to be the great City of Northern Pa; & that no one thing will give us a Lift & Standing abroad, as the Many it will

Cott. Have a good Hotel, it will add largely to the Value of our lots—

Mr Mandl's letter relative to an imprisonment was duly rec'd & shall soon be answ'd—

We hope to have something quite interesting to Communicate relative to Colls. Gale in a few days. We hope nothing has been done as will be relative to that Police Charter in New York. by our own folks or any body else. so far every thing is moving first rate.

We have had fine weather & are improving it to best advantage. Mary Jane left the Tunnel for Marlin Creek last week. & we are moving up Stream with a strong force—

The Hartford Dam has been all gone for near 2 Sel's at Waverly several days ago! it must now be all Del's at Jersey City. the sooner that can be turned into Money the better for all concerned—

We have this moment heard that Mr Jacob V. J. Kelly. Mr & Mrs Dodge will be here Tuesday, with sentiments of high regard & esteem. I am Truly Yrs

Wm H. Scranton

Dear Mrs. Lyon Hotel, it was a
pleasure to be there & one night—
My friend Ellen Valerio & our business
took us there & Neal was in our
We had to leave there quite suddenly &
Commerce Hotel Valerio & Gallo High in a fine
shape. We had nothing for sale & it was to
Valerio & that Pike Chevrolet in Fairview. We are
now folks in our new city. We are very happy
in Fairview Park Hotel.
We have had fine business & we are
enjoying it to the extreme. Any time you
be Fairview & Meadow Court feel welcome. & we
are always why Please write & tell us for a —
The Hotels where we have our store Pure Rest
& Bed & Friendly Service & Clean & Comfort
Can be Found Serving the Better & all
Our Rooms —
We Have the newest Hotel. We have
Lighting. We & the Storage with Fire. Thanks &
with Sincerely Yours
Valerio & Mrs. Neal Hotel

Mrs. McDonald

Office of the Delta & Cayuga 16. 16 &
Scranton Pa 9th Mar 70

D. L. A. Smith
Esq

Yours of the 12th ult.
has been rec'd & contents noted. In reply
to which I would say. That we are under
agreement now with Messrs Rhoads & Sherrerd
for just so much of the Line as they desire
to take the Charge of. how far up they may
wish to go. they do not now wish to decide.
they have given great satisfaction to the Men
& it is our wish to favor them with all
the assistance we can do

Your application however must
favor. & the Permits & other Papers you refer
to, strengthening your application. and I have
just written to Messrs Rhoads & Sherrerd. to see you
on the subject of a joint occupation of the
upper End of the Line. or a partnership
must be formed between you & them, for the
Section. Say from Oakley on Martins Creek to
Upper Bend. a distance of 25 Miles. the upper
12 or 15 Miles to be attended by you & the lower End
by them. our Payments is a Ton of Coal
& no doubt will both satisfy Carefully to the other
terms & the Arrangements are so systematized. that if you
can find it to your advantage to be connected with
D. L. & W. rather than take the Charge alone!
I shall be pleased to accept your
I am very Resp.y

Geo. M. Scranton.

Since writing the foregoing I have seen Mr.
H. a Satisfactory arrangement can be
made. & I have Mentioned [illegible] it
to Mr. Ingersoll & Mr. Thorpe
they both think you ought down here
next week, & see what can be done!

[illegible]

Ithaca Nov. 9. 1850 [5]

Dear Reuben.

Enclosed please find my private a/c. against C. L. R. R. Co. there are many things that I have had to guess at in making up my Expenses, and I have charged all I can remember. I am out over $300. in cash &c there & here which I cannot charge for — I believe the within is correct according to the "best of my knowledge & belief."

As regard the other a/c the ant. now charged is correct except it be the Stakes (old) & taking the road from the Junction with the plans & double track all of which went to Ithaca, there is within the ant. supposing that each mile cost average all the same, only $428.00 of Iron is charged in this Bill. there will be several items to add to those which you have the a/c of Molly. the a/c sent by this Bill I will return to you & you can make out the Acct & C. me. I have no idea of getting as far as Mundy as has been act.d; I have supposed you cd. have sent just 20 tons more Iron, which we have just 70 tons to C. me. with. perhaps I have charged the Iron to high. You may consult Mr H. all this & any other Matters & make such Corrections as he thinks proper. I think the Iron had better not be over 50 $ — I put him 75 $ in Iron fragments, the Turntables, tools, Office &c is just the Valuation Made by H. Hill. to Mr William when he proposed to sell to me —. please answer this & send me a Statement of my a/c after the C's are C.d.

Yours truly

H. W. Sweetser

Cincinnati, Nov 9, 1870

Miss Emma Crehore. Dear Sir, I have just received your favor of the 8th & am glad to learn that you have decided to accept the position of Teacher of Music in the Female College at Cincinnati. I am sure that you will be pleased with the location & with the people. Our School is now in a very prosperous condition, & I am sure that you will be pleased with the position. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as you can conveniently write me, & I will be glad to see you in Cincinnati as soon as you can conveniently come. Yours truly, [illegible]

Jno. Fellows Esq
Albany

Scantonia Pa. Nov. 9 1830

Yours dated favr. of the 19th ult. was duly
duly my absence. I have detained the Contents until this
interval, & I had concluded to have answd it two weeks ago.
but I have had my hands so full that I felt I had not the
time to write you as fully as I sh'd wish to do, & I have not
the time now to write but a question of what I sh'd in order to
give you fully the information you desire. but I will briefly
point out the most important Errors & mistakes made in
the article lately from the Otsego Paper — That article,
speaking of a New Route, & from Geneva to N.Y. via. Ithaca
Owego & ~~the Erie Road~~ to Scantonia, states it to be Del. Water Gap &
c. of New Jersey to New York. Make the difference in Distance
in favr. of the New Route 104 Mls. This is a mistake; the
Saving in distance from Geneva to Owego. via Ithaca & C. & S. R.R.
over Seneca Lake to Jefferson & Owego. will be 29 Miles —
from Mt. Bond to New York via Erie & Del. Water Gap R.R. (48 Mls) & a
R.R. from Scantonia to Del. Water Gap 45 Mls. & thence
as ast. N.Y. via Dover & Morris & Essex R.R. will be 38 Mls.
Making 67 Mls. instead of 104 — No means practical route
can ever be found from Mt. Bond to Del. Water Gap. than via
this place. the direct route from Owego to this place will be 70
Mls. from going by the Bend. but the route is impracticable.
the grades can be ~~so~~ unadmissable
the grades can be so reduced it. no Charter Exists for a
R.R from Pittston to the State Line. or Athens. nor the State
will not grant one while the Owego & Chenango Canal

Probably ! but subject to a Charter to be obtained.
The Co. is nothing gained by a Route from Elmira
to Pittston & thence to Del. Lack & Wn.

The distance from Pittston via Scr. ? river (the only
route by which a R. Rd. could be made.) to the State Line
is. 94½ Ms. from State Line to Elmira 19½ Ms. Making
114 Ms. from Pittston to Secaucus 9. Making 123 Ms
from Elmira to Secaucus. now from Elmira to Hd Bend
is. 72 Ms. from Hd Bend to Secaucus 48. 120 Ms. or
3 Ms nearer than via Scr. river to Pittston. and as there
is no other way to go to the Water Gap. but thro. Coal Lds
at the Entrance of which we are located / you will see
that no better route. Can be found from Elmira to New
Place than via Erie R.R. & Segerties Junc. R.R. no more
can be found than 123 Miles of R.R. to reach a
point when another R. R. route was nearly Complete
some Miles thereto. which the Friends was to speak that
the R. R. Co not do it.

86 Miles of R.R. wd have to be made to Connect this
Place with New York. 45 Ms from here to Del. Lack & Wn
- 41 from Ithaca to Owego & Elmira R.R. Nothing has
yet been done towards a Commencement of this Line yet
no Company as organized. but that it will be done
I have no doubt. it is now only a question of time
the route is feasible & Practicable !

I believe that at no distant day a R.R. will
made from Cayuga Bay. to Ithaca either via
Syra. or Auburn. Nothing has been done towards
it as perfect by any parties interested with us.

You are more familiar with the route than I am but we must select route is feasible. Geneva & Ithaca a deal interest in this matter. You will have to work closely & seek time. to Ex amine it to come from Sodus to your place. & thence to Ithaca. Ithaca to your point. You have nothing to gain by going to Jefferson!

Our Company are interested in having such a Connexion. & will favor & do all we C. to aid it. Completion but on hands are full now! the Stock for the Route from Sodus to Ithaca will lay between Geneva & Auburn!

I saw an Excellent Article in a Geneva Paper we suppose sent by you. Showing up a line of improvement by R.R. & Canal from the Chesapeake to Lake Ontario &c. How was well written. but to much Canal in it for the present generation! I think however the present generation are going a little to fast just now! Rail Roads are in Access rapidly. & we are importing to much from other Countries. & manufacturing too little in our own to keep a Continued healthy State of things!

We shall be pleased to hear from you. & see you here whenever it may please you to write us. & whenever we can give you any information please give us the opportunity. Your Bro & Sisters are all well.

With Sentiments of high regard
I am Dear Sir Yours truly

G. M. Scranton

Dear Mr. Pierce, I am very sorry to have kept you waiting so long for the enclosed, but I have been very busy. I hope you will find it satisfactory. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you. With kind regards, I remain, Yours sincerely,

H. B. Williams Esq

Nov. 16. 1850

Dear Sir,

With the amt. of business & Multitude of Cares now on my mind. I must decline having any thing to do with the Water Mill at Ithaca. I have no doubt a good thing & be made out of that trade as we purchased it. Now unless we can sell that Engine to you or some one else we shall bring it here & use it in the Machine Shop. I expect by so. If you wish to purchase it. You can have it. for $ 3250. Cash. 3650. If you take it it will be put up according to Contract which are in the Office. Please let me know your decision soon as possible! We are getting along here wonderfully. with our work. the Water continues very favorable.

It has been decided by our New York Friends to take your lots as heretofore spoken of at 5500 $ - on the 1st Aug. next. Interest not to Commence till then. $ 1500. Cash to be pd. 1st Aug. & $ 1000. pr Year for 4 Years then after with Interest. will this be Satisfactory? Write me soon & to you all I am

Truly Yours. H. W. Sprague

R. Sprague Esq. Jun.

Office Seguin Gas & R. Co.
Scranton Nov. 19. 1850

Dr. Sir

Your highly Esteemed favr of 5th inst was rec'd and noticed with feelings of pleasure & satisfaction. it makes us all happy to know that you Enjoyed your visit here & your trip generally. but for the Stage accident you wd have had nothing to mar the pleasure of your journey

Mrs S. returned shortly after you left. She wd have been pleased to have seen you & all the others. She was quite surprised to hear how finely Sarah & I get on housekeeping. & how well we managed to live in her absence. I have made known your kind regards to her & your friendly regard & wishes for the whole household. in fact they have pretty much all been over my friendly letter & appreciate all Contained therein. We all hope you may live to enjoy a great many such visits with us here. & like wise you may never have Cause to regret your first visit & what has grown out of it.

The Trial Balance & rec'd all right. our Book Keeper thinks it has left us. He showed our old Book Keeper it is going to be hard to find the Book now. with the key to understand. If any change or any of the Blanks left to be filled a differently arranged. we will Confer with you Having the names &c. we desire. The 4 &

Office Surgeon 3rd U.S.C.T.
Petersburg Va. Nov. 14th 1870

Dear Sir

Yours of 5th inst. duly received
and in reply would say that I have
been a resident of Petersburg since
the close of the Civil War and
have practiced my profession
during that time. I refer you
to the Hon. [illegible] Judge of the
Hustings Court, Petersburg, Va.
Dr. [illegible] Petersburg, Va.
Dr. [illegible] Petersburg, Va.
Dr. [illegible]

Installment is all paid in this Except Some
Matter. for which Amt. I enclose Vc.
We hope no time will be lost in placing the funds
to the Cr of the Peabody Bank. in the Merchants
Exchange Bank.

You have no doubt seen our Partners and
Sons since their return. + have learned how
the work progresses on Lewis & Co's R.R. We
have had until within a day or two very
fine weather + have got in remarkably. We
hope for some good weather yet before winter
sets in we have a little snow now. & then
but the sun is trying to get out + if it
succeeds it will soon disappear —
Mr Dorsey + Phelps will inform You of the State
of Rail R^d Charles. the Bonds are in Attorney
for our Co. to control. every thing Looking out
of this will not Exhilarate.

Hoping to hear from you as often as
you can. find it convenient. + with our best
regard for you + Your family.

I am Dear Sir
Truly Your friend
Geo. W. Swanton

I have not forgotten Gunpowder. Perhaps
Something may turn round that will
be of service to him by by & by.
Keep the matter before my mind.

Mr. Hutchinson is at least as much [illegible] as [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Offices of the Gals B.R. Co
Scranton Nov 15. 1850

Rec.d of Roswell Sprague Esq. Twelve Hundred Dollars. being the amt. of Peter N. Jones Subscription to Lackawaxen Gals B.R. Co.

Also Rec.d One Hundred Dollars being the Amt of Phil.a & Mahon. Subscription. Amounting to Thirteen Hundred Dollars. which please acknowledge to

Very Resp.y Yr.

Geo.e W. Scranton Sec.y

Office Supt. Cap. & R.R. Co.
Scranton Dec 25. 1850

C. B. Griffin Esq.
Sir.

Your valued favors of the 18th inst is rec'd. And all notice with usual interest. The pieces left park by Messrs Tracy & Fuller for the Paddle, Cars seem high. but inasmuch as they came us good castings on the first order. I'd like to Patronize them now. We must have the last wheels spring, & the pieces must be sequence. The Baggage Cars they made 6 ft. are too narrow. We never listed them at all. they were wrought also. Ours must be the same width of the wheel as the Cars. The ft. Cars generally run them well. I think if we the trade with them. we'd extend the cars from 8. to 12 Platform Cars. & perhaps 10 Box Cars — we shall want 4 or 5 Hand Cars — Now a word abt the Ox. Pig Iron. I dont know how just then — Iron is high. Chas Dodd Journal Journal ... Lately. he will not run to exceed 190 tons. perhaps not more than 100 tons left. it is of Newark. Hey Iron is a Mixed lot. of No 1. 2. & grey & Mottled. any of it will Mix well with ours — for Charcoal Pig & Make good wheels. the Ox. will Chill well. but we not do them to make a first rate wheel. or not so good as I'd want under the Cars & heavy Work. our Passenger Cars wheels must be Whitney or some other well known wheel — of Messrs Tracy & Fuller. with the trade west ... of the River

Office of Chief of Ord. U.S.A.
Washington, May 26, 1870

Gen. [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir: Have you received my letter
of the [illegible] ult. [illegible]
[illegible] Please answer
[illegible]

Named in your letter I want them to take all the
of Iron left at Newark. not know Exceed 190
tons. I dont think there will be over 100 tons. they
must allow us $27 pr ton. at Newark. they can have
the Iron now. as an advance on the Cars. & to be deducted
out of the last of the bill of first deliverys - no
allowance of interest to be made by either party. they
will then have the Iron Jan & Mch before the Sch? of the
Cars. Now if there Govt. refuse with a $25000.
order in hand, to take 4 a 500 Dolls each of Pig Iron
on of the Cars in advance. as Payment in part.
they certainly cannot be genuine Yankees - as such as
we used to have in Ct. when I was a Citizen there.
please make them this proposition. & inform me of
their decision.

Since writing the above I have learned from Bro. the
Ch.? that the probability is that he will not have
over 150 tons Iron left. he has sold. 350 tons this mo.
Mr Pierce has continued to buy of him during the last
year. & uses it with Salisbury & other Pig & makes wheels
& likes it very much. we can make such a trade as I
have proposed above with Pierce. but I dr. prefer to Continue
our trade with Tracy & Tales. & if they understand
their interest they will take the Iron proposed.

We notice all you say about the Hotels & shall fall in
with the wishes of our friends as to the manner of finishing
the House. & disposing of it afterwards. we shall soon
have the Plans completed. & shall make preparations &
go forward with the work. Expect to build it by Contract.

the Mail will left from Cairo of leaving off. can stop for the Present. but say it not to that Steamboat as we may leave any time or soon as we get.

I will write you further in a few days all my will & very busy.

Truly Yours

Geo M Scranton
Genl. Agent for L. F. R.R.

Allentown Pa Nov. 27th 1850

Wm E Coffey Esqr

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find our note under Gen'l. prot agt for $5104.62½ at 4 mos. for the amt of 5000 $. Purchase Custom of Mr Blair -

Marcus arrived last evening with the funds all right. We regret he did not bring the $11000. as we then that amt was less than we agreed to close the two mo - Seldom left this Money for Stranded long with the necessary papers. Powers of Attorney &c we hope every thing will go off right tomorrow. Mr Mattes will be there from Easton to act for Col Porter who is engaged in Court.

Ira Tuft offers us his 3 farms (Containing abt 300 a. all joining our Tuft purchase) last evening for $90. p a. & a 400 a tract on the river (Mountain with timber on it) at 3 $. p acre. given us the refusal for 20 days - on $ 85 $. he will be here this morning to close an agreement. if possible -

We will send a Man to Lackawaxen tomorrow to selection the Dam & Eddy N.R. due them by Col S -

We have commenced on Machine Shop. & hope to get the half of it before winter sets in.

With great respect we are

Yours Truly

Jno Fenn

Please return the note for $ not used -

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find my note
for $ 3710.00 payable to the order of
the Bank of Commerce, Denver, Colorado -
Please see Mr. Lee Lawrence, with the Bank, at once.
We regret he did not bring the money. We are very
much in hope we may receive a check on Mon-
day. Mr. Lee will then be glad to accept my note
for the amount, with interest, for 90 days.
Yours truly,
Enclosure

You had better close contract with R. H. Ely
for 3 [illegible] Engines. Cylinders as per drawings
by him. of. 18. & 20. Tenders on 8 wheels -
including all the Equipments described by Jones -
also. 3 Passenger Engines. one of them 6 ft drivers
& 2 Same a Lemon Sweetly. in any case you
& Mr Griffin. & the Rogers may think best. we can
run fast enough with 5 ft wheels, but not as economically
as with 6 ft. but the 5 ft. will do most for us when in a
scrape & carry fat.. I have good faith in the Rogers
Hinkin & Baldwin as to which is best. & he is
instructed in having that run on principles with the
best Engines & Tenders on R.R.

then Mr Ely has no misunderstanding about the terms of
the deliveries of the Engines. we want them as we state.
some time in Sept. our Road is going to be ready at the
time Letter of. Sept 15th Subject to the Contingency of life -
& Conflagration only — Mr R. H. Ely must take
particular that we are going to be a month or two
behind in finishing the Road. & consequently delay ours
least..

Yours truly

Geo. W. Lawrence, Engr

Syracuse Dec Nov 27. 1850

James Archbald Esq.
Sir.

Mr Dotterer made for us an Engine & all the Machinery for an Inclined Plane which we had designed to use at Ithaca. but subsequently decided to elongate the road & do away with the plane. the Engine we have use for but the Machinery we have none. It has occured to me that you might use it. or some part thereof. if so we wd dispose of it very cheap. we wd make it an object to you. to buy. provided you can use it.. Mr D. tells me to day that it is very similar to the Machinery used at some of the planes on the Penna Coal Road. that the pulleys & many parts of it are like yours. it was made for a 6 ft track. to the proper wd have to be altered. the work is well made & finished up.. and if you can use it. we shd be happy to sell it at your own price. please let me hear what the probabilities are. &c.

We have all sympathized with you in your long continued sickness. we are gratified to learn that you are improving & hope that your health may be fully restored.

I am very Truly
Your friend
Geo. W. Lawton

Cincinnati Feb 27 1870

Messrs Cornthwaite &
Co
City.

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Receipt for Insurance
on Stock, Fixtures & Machinery in Office, and
Engine & Boiler House, for the term of one year
from the 27th inst. at the rate of $1.50 per
$100 as per agreement with Mr Cornthwaite.
Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Yours very truly

[illegible]

Office Lehigh Coal & N. R. Co
Scranton Pa Nov 28. 1860

James Millholland Esq
D. Sir

Mr Dotterer has just shown me your letter requesting 8 tons Rail Iron to be sent you for trial C. I have to reply, that since I saw you we have sold over 400 tons of that Iron, & have only 150 tons left which has been offered to a party in Pt. who still has the refusal of it. My opinion is that it will amount to a sale. if so it will leave the trade between us for the Patent Iron Thing. to be arranged either by the Car. at $4. each. or by the weight for the whole Iron required for the roads. If the Iron is not sold I will inform you & also send you 8 tons. I will advise you further as soon as I learn the result.

If you can get any Lines done. we shall be happy to have you stay on a visit. & see the Accounts of the successful Operations on our Coal Road, from week to week. & notice its future.

I am most Respectfully
Your Obt

Geo. W. Scranton

Mr. Wm. Hallenbeck
Albany
Albany Co. N.Y.
Recommended Nov 27, 1879

Dear Sir

Yours of the 25th inst. is at hand. I have
not yet received the Report of the Assembly Committee on
Public Printing but I have no doubt that it will be
favorable to the Contract. I have written to Mr. Hall
to-day urging him to push the matter through the Assembly
and I have no doubt that it will be done.

Yours truly

Wm. H. Seward

Scranton Pa. Dec. 2d 1850

S. Fellows Esq.
N. Y.

You are aware that we have labored had for many Years. to get a Communication by Canal or Rail Road. to Connect the Lackawanna Valley with the Public Improvements of the State of New York.. for Several Years all our Efforts were directed to the North Branch Canal. but finding that to heavy a load to move with all the Embarrassments, the State was laboring under. we were forced to give it up & turn our attention to the Legislature Geh R.R. Project. & after two years great exertion we got that Started. Since that has been Commenced the friends of the North Branch have revived & Commenced the Canal & and are likely to get it finished at an early day. we fear that the two avenues will Seriously Conflict with each other and make so keen a Competition in the Coal trade as to Cause the profits of each very Small for Several Years. at best. your western New York will not furnish a Market large enough for a long time to keep both in active & profitable Operation. it is not like a Market on the sea board. you people have got to learn how to use it. & the Demand will be moderate & uneven Slowly. Since the revival & Commencement of the N. B. Canal we have had our attention more Accidentally turned to the Old Project of building a R.R. from this Valley to the Delaware water Gap & then to Connect with the Jersey Roads thus forming a R. R.d Route to the City of New York. which Connects with our Legislature Geh. we form a Connexion with the New York & Erie

Dear Mr. Fellows Esq.
Sir

We are aware that we have
taken too far many years. to put a Commencement
to Canal or Rail Road to connect the Collieries
dealing with the Public Improvement of the State of
New York.. In General Jurors all our Efforts were de-
rected to the York Boroach Canal. but Finding that
it would require a Long time with out the Assistance. the
Whole was Laboring under. we were Forced to Join in the
Same Measures to Effect Both Objects. and
after the Same Commenced the Friends of the York Boroach
have Waived + Commenced the Canal + Rail Road as Kindly as
Possible all our Early Days. we Give that the
Commen with Sincerely Confident with Each other and
Merit to have a Compleation in the Good Season of the
the Middle of Lake Erie Canal Jurors. at least
Some Portion Now York with that Connects to Rail
Large Enough for a Long Time to Come with the Existing
Population Collections. it is not Like the Rail Road or
the Same Road. Some Portion Have got to Come Now or
Ever it. + the Commenced with so Much Success + Success
Ultimate. Since the Canal + Commencement of the Rail
Canal we Have had no Collections More Rec Received
Since of the Old Point of Starting a Rail Road
this Section of the Country Rail + Rail to Connect
with the Lake on Lake Erie Pennsy + Ohio Canal
the City of New York. Before Commenced with the Old Point.
- Still. we Hope to Commence with the New York Point

at Gt. Bend. this all being done would without doubt insure the investment in South Gas. R.R. Sale - You are aware that a Charter is in existance & has been for near 20 Years. for a R.R. called the Delaware Lus & Western Particularly known here as the Snyder Charter. Henry W Snyder Obtained the Law & has kept it alive & low times. we have been intimately associated with him. & aided in helping the project along. hoping that the time would not be long when we could get it Started. Mr Drenker has no Control of the Concern. & we suppose that finding it was Moving Slowly & he growing old. & perhaps might not live to See it built without Some great & personal Efforts. & thinking perhaps that we had our hands full but without Consulting us. has Sold out his Charter & all interests Connected therewith, to Some New York Company. & has represented to the Parties that a R.R Can be built running to Pittston via of Stony Brook. leaving this place abt 5 Mls. to the right. & Some 10 Mls. in distance one Coming this way, a great feeling is now Stirred up in Wilkes Barre. & they are anxious to draw the terminus there. Some of the Citizens there are in the Scare & are active Securing Coal lands. to use under a Charter known as the Hoffmeister Coal Co: a notice of the Sale of this R.R. Charter Appeared in the Wilkes Barre Advocate a few days ago. & which has caused Mr Drenker to write me the Enclosed letter. which is the 1st Letter he has sent me for 4 Mos. Now there is no doubt but Pittston Can be reached from 8 or 9 Hrs Mean. as that R.R. runs as projected but the grades Cannot be near as easy as this. With Gas: our Object now is to try &

of the Lord. This all having been accomplished
shortly before the resurrection of Christ. A.D.
33. - Now we come to Christ's ministry
once & then for 3½ years. In A.D. 30 Christ
delivered John's 5 most fascinating discourses on the
Kingdom of Heaven. Being in Jerusalem at the
Feast of Tabernacles, we have been told
briefly concerning each item. + recall in studying the
4th study, taking that the time is ripe to bring them
to Christ at Perea. His disciples. He is God's
Lamb. The Baptism + the Temptation of Jesus
Christ + Nicodemus. Now 3 John 1 + 2 Cor 5:19
Christ is God's Lamb & Nicodemus is born again
Christ's disciples + his ministry at Jerusalem that A.D.
30 is briefly covered. Nicodemus & John the Baptist
Christ + all ministry Covered. Nicodemus & John the Baptist

fetted over our interests. You can see that it is
as really to our injury to have that R.R. take the
course points out. & it will be against the interest
of all Provincial Townships also. The parties who
have now the Control of the Pinchon Charter. are not
aware of any Law in Existance. authorizing the
Construction of a R.R. from this Valley to the Water Gate.
this latter Law. we are now endeavoring to get into our
hands & into the hands of our friends. & shall no doubt ac
Complish it. Now with this in hand we wish to see
what we can secure in the way of Coal Lands -
that will be available & easy of access for a R.R. Co. to
Run in our immediate vicinity. We wish to have it in
our Power to offer Strong inducements to any parties
who will build this Road. With this view we are induc
ed to write to You. asking your lowest Price & easiest
terms of Payment. for Your Lands. adjoining as now occu
pied by your relatives. Naming the Lots. & the no. of
Acres Contained &c - & giving us the refusal of the
Same for 60 days - If You Sh.d desire to secure all
Your Lands North & West of the Hyde Park Road do so.
& Make Your price on all this side! I will suggest that
1/4 of the Purchase money be paid down. & Balance divided
into 7 Equal Annual Payments. with interest annually.

You are interested in all these movements private with
us. It is the terminus of a R.R. & the use of Coal Lands
that renders them of any additional value over what they
are worth for farming - & which Coal Lands are located
near & accessable to a Public improvement. they will lie
dormant for Centuries to Come. The a.t. of Coal in this field
is beyond the Calculations of any Man.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, which has been organized to assist the government in the prosecution of the war. We have enlisted the cooperation of thousands of women throughout the country, and we are ready to do whatever you may suggest.

We have already established a Food Conservation Department, and have begun a campaign to induce the people to substitute other foods for wheat, meat, sugar, and fats. We have also established a Department of Child Welfare, and are now organizing a Department of Women's Employment. We have also established a Department of Publicity, and have begun a campaign to induce the people to substitute other foods for wheat, meat, sugar, and fats.

We are anxious to do all we can to help win the war, and we feel that we can do much more effectively if we have the support of the Food Administration

We feel that we have your best wishes for our success in any lawful undertaking. We know that you appreciate all our efforts to improve this Valley. for it is by doing we have improved & increased the value of your property, & we feel that we may ask you to Cooperate with us in any plan to further the interests of our own & your Estate.

We believe with a Protection in hand at four cents per lb for your Lands together with what we now Control & Can Control. we shall be able to show to any parties that the inducements we can offer, together with the cost of stock we will take, & the facilities we can offer for the furnishing Iron & C. that we shall make such a demonstration as will have its effect

whatever is done in this matter. We to be done soon for we are in Correspondence with parties in N.Y. to start off any decision relative to the purchase of Coal Lands in Pittston or Wilkesbarre for the present. I received from a "Report of Tests examination of Coal land owned by the Stoffordshire Coal Co." & the Enclosed letter by which you will see that he does not feel easy in what he has done without Consulting his old friend —

I shall be pleased to hear from you at your early convenience with a Proposition for your Land. made to me. with 60 days refusal &C. If you desire to reserve the farm. for your Bro! to live on for a few years. (Except such small portions as might be required to Operate upon.) You can do so. at a reasonable or small rent.

I am most Resp! & Truly
Your friend
Geo. W. Scranton

Dear Mrs. Hall,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 4th inst. I am very glad to hear that you are all well. I am also well, but very busy. I have been working very hard lately, and have had little time for anything else. I am glad to hear that you have been enjoying yourself. I should like very much to see you all again, but I am afraid that will not be possible for some time to come. I am sending you a few photographs which I hope you will like. I am also sending you a few books which I think you will find interesting. I hope you will write to me soon and tell me all the news. With kind regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

Scranton Dec 3d 1850.

Elisha Hitchcock Esq.

Dr Sir.

I expect to be absent from
me Considerable part [illegible] Month. and if
it is possible for You & my self to make any
Settlement of the Matter now between us. it would
be desirable to have it done before any more steps
are taken or Costs made by either party. My
own desire is to see if we cannot agree ourselves
upon a division or sale. If after talking the
Matter over we cannot [illegible] upon terms that
will be Mutually Satisfactory. then we shall
of Course have to have the help of Others -

I will be happy to meet You & Son
Ebenezer at any time & place that You may name.
either at Your Town or mine - please let me
hear from You when it will Suit Your Convenience to
have this Conference - And much Oblige

Very Respectfully Yours

Geo. W. Scranton

Clarke Nichols Esq.
Pr. Ctn.

Montreal 23rd 1870.

Lackawanna Iron Works
Scrantonia P.O. Dec 4. 18

Ulsa Colwell & Co

Gent.

We are in immediate want of 1500 ft (linear) of 3 in Cast Iron Main pipe. which we are informed by Mr Dotterer you Manufacture It is important to us to get it here at the earliest moment & before the Close of Navigation. we wish you to send us the pipe on your best terms. and if you can find a boat destined for White Haven. & the Prospect for getting thro' should look favorable when you Ship the pipe. we will venture to send it that way. but if the Prospect thro' appears pretty dull. Send it to Pamaqua. we will leave the Matter to your judgement. It will save us 17 per Ton ft. if it can come via Lehigh Canal. & White Haven R.R. to Hilbert Barre & Please let us hear from you by return Mail. what we may Expect &

Very Respectfully Yours. &c

Scrantons & Platt

Manufacture.
6 Elbows.
6. T's
6. 15° Angles.

Lieutenant Jean Marie A
Commandant P.D. Bre. 18e

Mr. le Colonel et

Mr. Mr. Mr.

Office Sgd. Gap. R.R. Co
Scranton Oct 4. 1850.

Wm. L. Phelps Esq. Pres. Bank.

Dear Sir.

The time is nearly here when our Payments commence. (viz the 18th inst) we shall require $40,000 & upwards. perhaps $45 M. for the Rail Road Co. & for Scranton & Platt. from 20. to 25 M. should be procured for at New Haven. or from other Bank. The balance we can get at Belvidere, which with the amt. of our Notes (S&P) falling due at P.B.H. this mo. will be as much as we can probably furnish - Enclosed please find Scranton & Platt. 3 Notes. each for $5000. Date Blank - which you & Mr Dodge must use as you think to the best interest of all concerned. we know that the Circulation given to the funds Rail Road on our line of Rail Road is good & worthy of the attention of any Bank. but ought to have our Notes (ours. Notes) out in their Circulation. The Engrs. Buckley are busily in the Southeast Penn. now they must take some ours home!

We want $100. in Phila. God. & Co. for $ Sgd. & with $150. yours will do. We cannot do without it. The enclosed notes R. be negociated & the funds ready in N. York to send here by the 12th inst. And we shall be pleased to depend upon you to send the funds to us by Special Messenger at our Expense -

Office of Supt. of Public Buildings
Washington, Dec. 24th 1870.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of the Interior to request that you will cause the Capitol to be lighted with gas on the evening of the 25th inst. (Christmas) and to be kept lighted during the night.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
[illegible]
Supt. of Public Buildings & Grounds.

Mr. [illegible]
Gas Fitter
Washington D.C.

We have not seen any thing with Jos Trish yet. He came here the day following the 1st Conveyance & wanted to redeem the Building & 8 a 10 acres with them, which we did not agree to. There is no doubt but our succeeding in this Matter & also with all others that we may agree, we shall be going to buy their Lands. I have written a long letter to Lo Sellons, & a good one I think. I hope it will bring me a proposition from him. I have had another personal interview with Mr Whitcomb. He is now at Mr Barnes & I think going to consult Mayhew as to the form of making me a proposition; the recent meeting between Whitcomb Mayhew Nicholson & Mr Barnes (it seems) has amounted to nothing. the Lo. Slocum track is not much esteemed for Coal. it will not be cheap at over $12 or 13,000. It is not so important to own that as some others. We hope you & Mr Boden will seek Coal on the subject of Coal Lands. we have nothing to fear from any quarter, the only trouble we have is in reference to the Whitcomb Settlement. I trust we shall bring about all other desirable negociations in good time & on fair terms.

The weather Fall Autumnal Open, favors doing all we can to advance our work. I will write you more particularly on the State of the work in a few days.

I am most Resp[t] Yours

G. W. McCrackin Engr

Yours truly,

Wm. McGuffey, Sec'y.

Scranton Pa. Dec. 5th 1850

Mr. C. Humphrey Esq.
Dear Sir.

I was looking at the new turn table last evening. I think it will be 2 weeks yet before it will be ready to go. & then it will take considerable time to haul it to Gt Bend. it will weigh about 25 tons. & will cost to cart it for 250 & 300$. or 75$ to load it & get it to Ithaca. it will be a good table, last evening I had a talk with Dodson at his table at Ithaca. he says it is precisely like the tables used on the leading R.R. when they operate well. he says the trouble of that is. owing to being put up badly. that they told him the bottom was uneven & the rise on some parts of the curve when the wheels were equal to a grade of 60 ft p mile. Now it has occured to me whether it will not be well for you to make a bold push to get that table down & put up in your workshop. have it well done. & if necessary have a team of gearing take the Ears part to it. You will get your table there more than a mo sooner than they can be got to Ithaca. & if you shd be obliged to send from Ithaca to Owego. i.e. for the Depot on the hill. you will send under ahead. &c — you know Jones goes off to get some trees. I did not think so much of the expense & trouble of getting the table up to Ithaca as I saw the enemy. If you shd conclude to put that table down. you shd have the foundation for [illegible]

Clarksville Pa. Dec. 4th 1870

Mrs. Edward Ely
Dear Sis.

I was so sorry at the news
that Cal was sick. I'm afraid it was a severe
attack. If it will be necessary & go. + then it will take
Cal longer time to travel it to Wellsboro it will tire
what. Ma will. + will Carl to Coal it for Jno & Geo!
& Sis! & Geo it + pd it & Wellsboro, it will be a good
title. Carl Evans & Geo & Carl with Wellsboro title
his Title at Wellsboro. In deep it is necessary that the
title was on the Record I? when Mrs Wellsboro title. As
deep the Warrants of titles in Corning & Painted Post are
Record. After they are this the Wellsboro was Warrants & it
was on Some Part of the Corner who it what was Coal
& a piece of Geo & Painted. Mrs it Ma Geo & Mrs
who it was Mrs & with Mrs & Mrs & Carl Mrs &
Mrs Carl Title down + Warrants as Mrs Warrant. Mrs
it with Mrs. + it Mrs Mrs & Mrs & Mrs Mrs
Mrs & Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs & Mrs & Mrs Mrs
Mrs & Mrs Wellsboro & Mrs Mrs Wellsboro & Mrs. &
Mrs Mrs & Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs & Mrs. &—
Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs & Mrs Mrs & Mrs Mrs
Mrs Mrs Mrs & Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs
Mrs & Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs
& Mrs Mrs Mrs. Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs
Mrs. Mrs & Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs

Have been thus long all over in [illegible] Carefully & write me by return Mail what you think had better be done. Stating the causes and Circumstances, that it may be better to [illegible] with regard to Santa Barbara Navigation. I do think we had better not go further than S. Juan. I will leave this to you & Mr Wilson, and as soon as your trial falls off & you can, you take the Forest City & run to Santa Barbara & the Coast from there to Santa & Run all you can & the Coast from there to Monterey & the Mean time pay over Interest on the Bonds 1st Jan. I suppose you will have nothing to help with at Ventura. You must get all the Bills in. do that as you see how to stand, soon as possible. I think the Census in your County over 6000, have you had an Appraisal Made yet for taxes & damages &c. & have Leonard & Barber left Santa Barbara yet? & have you settled with Leonard yet?

With kind regards to all the members of your family. I am Truly Yours

Thos Larkin

If you find it necessary to sell
I will buy your stock in
Co. S. J. 750. at par with interest
added from the Commencement. May. 1849

P.S. You find it necessary to ask
a wife her years back in
Ind. 1750, at the most valuable
address for Communication. Ind. 1944

Sackaweaux Iron Works Pa
Dec. 2. 1850.

Henry H Drinker Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your valued favour of the 28th. ult. has been rec. & noticed with interest. You bring to my mind what I have forgotten to say. that I owe in justice to you a letter. which is a fact. & I plead guilty for the non performance of my duty. I was absent from home when the Crane last continued to occupy it. but it entirely escaped my mind.

Now a word in reference to the Drinker R.R. We have felt a lively interest in all your movements & renewed efforts to bring that project favourably into notice. when we learned that you were corresponding with the Hon. Russell. we had some fears that it might get into hands adverse to our interests, or into hands that would prevent its being built. I expressed my opinion in this particular to you the last time we met. Since that Conversation our minds have been at ease & that satisfaction in Sept. I met the Dubuisson in New York. he was engaged in talking up this R.R. & did not tell me his plans & seemed inclined to communicate very freely with me. he told me he was anxious to allow me the pleasure of building the Drinker Rail R. I told him he C. not speak me in that way. I told him we felt a deep interest in the project. & we be happy to aid if desired in building it &c. I have always been of the opinion that the building of this road would be profitable. & have believed that should you not succeed

Dec. 3. 1840.

in filling up the Stock list. We hope we shall have been able to arrange with you to go forward with the work next year.

Some six week ago we were startled by the receipt of a letter from New York that the Directors were making great exertions to crush the Dresden R.R. Circulars had been addressed to many of the principal men of the City who were in Stocks, to attend a Meeting to be held in some Public Place, where the Matter could be fully discussed & known. Mr. Wm. Marcy Hunting a Line direct from the Hollow Rock to Illinois via. Pittston and represented that a third Pittston Co. had existed in 40 Miles from the Rock Lake, with by [illegible] 44 ft to the Mile avoiding thus passing or leaving it to the right hand Mr. by running down Hunting Brook. Our friends suggested the Matter to you & to explain that the Dr. had from [illegible] agreement or Power to do certain things, which by Carrying such an proposition would be seriously prejudicial their own interests.

We have not daily little to work to bring on the Delaware & Cobb's Gap R.R. each, till the State lay $100. to Expenses Meeting. The Committee advertised a Meeting to Open Books for Subscription, which after due Notice had been given they did do in Stroudsburg, and the whole Amount of Stock was subscribed viz. $900,000, and the Cobb's Gap Road was granted. This act was obtained by the Exertions of Col. Porter from two years ago, we supposed at the time it was done more by Yours in doing all we have done in this matter, we have been acting in defiance we did not know what turn your Charter might take in the hands of Dickenson & his friends, and we

if possible to be on a position to have some thing to say on the final axis of the C. from Red Valley to the Utah Gap. at least so far as the location at Red Bluff is concerned. Looks upon from R.R. Heads as out of your power to control for the time being & it is impossible to foresee in whose hands it might fall or how our interests might thereby be affected. I trust it must be obvious that as large interest & investments already made here and now being made in the line of Sept. Gulf R.R. Co. naturally & most unquestionably demand such substantial and protection as an honorable and liberal Course of proceeding would admit. Which is all that has been done

Kind love to wife from me & all. How moments it is impossible to foretell. Certainly nothing to guide the interests of any Outward Voyage.

We are getting along rapidly with the L. G. R. R. Shall have it in Operation very soon. I feel that it is wearing on us to be after a province for all its work and requirements in order that every thing may go forward to our best advantage. We are all in usual health. The boy of Pearson was sick for which Dr Rawson rendered thanks. We shall be pleased to hear from you & any friends when they come here. to any of whom we beg to be kindly remembered.

Yours very resp. & Truly

Geo. H. Secombe

Mlle Ivo Pruvelles

Scranton Dec 11. 1850.

Geo. M. Hollenback Esq
Very Dear Sir

Your Esteemed favour of the 9th inst is all noticed. We think you ideas are too high. both for timber & the Lot. We have purchased during the season 3 or 400 thousand feet of Dry pine Lumber. (Culling out) for from 8.50 to 10.50 p M. Cash. We can buy now all the pine Lumber in this Valley for 10. p the 1st Common. Sel. here—

The farm adjoining Yours. we are now offered for 65. p a. running from your north line to the Lackawanna. with very good buildings thereon — also another near by. for the same price. the highest price we should be willing to pay for the Lot. we be 3000. 3 Cash. Bal. If you do think it your interest to sell it for that price. we will take it.

I am very Respt & Truly
Yours
Geo. W. Scranton

Cincinnati, April 1870.

Mr. Mr. Mitchell Esq
Dear Sir

Your Esteem favors of the
9th inst is at hand. The Hotels you refer
me to keep. both in Cincinnati & the Ky. We have
two stores running the Horses & two Horses but I
buy Mess dinners. (Delivery out) for from $50 to $100 per Mo.
Cash. We can buy two out the Mess dinners in this Country
for $10 per Set Common. but Good—

The Com is always very poor. We are now offering
$1.15 P. Bushel from Store Nearly Ten & Twelve
Mess. Both very good Packing Houses — Also one at the
Mess Pk. for the above Price. The Packer pay in the Month
he selling & pay for the Cut is: $ 3.00. 3 Cents Gen &
If you do think it your interest to deal at the Mess
Pk. we will take it.

I am very Truly & Yours
Respectfully

Wm. McCormick

Nicholson Dec. 12. 1830

Elisha Hitchcock Esq:

Dear Sir.

Mr Nicholson is now here on his way to Abington. Susquehanna Co. I have told him the substance of our Conversation the other evening & that I thought you would make me a proposition on some one, or all of the Plans I proposed. Now if you have any proposition matured to offer, or should, to Consult with Mr Maxwell or Conyngham. the subject of such proposition. I will see either one of these Gentlemen at my Expence & be here tomorrow. and in case we should agree upon any settlement they C.s afford in drawing up the necessary papers. Mr Nicholson would in this Case remain at Abington tonight & Come here tomorrow upon being notified. I shall leave on Monday to be absent till Christmas. & it is desirable to see what we can do before Court. Please let me hear from you this afternoon. & much Oblig.

Yours very Resp.y

Geo. W. Creveling

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Wm. Rankin

Scantonia Dec. 11. 1850

Wm G. Pride Esq.
Dr Sir

Your valued favour of the 30th ult. was duly rec.d and noticed. I understood you to say when you were here that it would suit the Harper interest, to have a Depot at Mc Mullins. we hope to be able to bring the Manton People to the same place. So that one Depot will accomodate both Sections of Country with this view we have sent an Engineer to Survey a Route from Manton to some point on the Creek, that will be at Manton. at the same time Expecting a wish that they might be able to reach Mc Mullins. this Survey is finished ere this I suppose. but the result of which I have not yet learned. from any of the party engaged. I hear that the route to Mc Mullins is favourable we desire to accomodate the greatest range of Country we can by the Construction & Location of one Depot on Manton Creek. It would not be possible for the Company to build but one Depot on the Creek. & it is desirable to have that one located to suit the largest Number & the greatest trade. I Expect to be at Manton Next Tuesday. & Spend most of the week on the line of N.C. I will examine into

Cincinnati Dec. 11, 1870

Mrs. R. Proctor Esq
Price

Dear Madam Have you
the 30 vols. we early 70? Two notes!
we are sure you is day when you have. Not
it would find the Hedges without I have a slight
of the Muslins. we hope is be able to keep the
Muslins Ruffle is the same Price. So that we
shall is? Cannot date both Orders of Country
with this rise we have had an Engraver is
Sweep a Part for Muslins is Sure have no
be Cash that is. Part Muslins. of the same
time Ex Nothing a week Not My Needle be
able is Cash the Muslins. Has Sweep is
Ready in this Shillings. Not is Worth
while I have not Ruffle Sweep. How can
the Ruffle Cheap. I have Not the Price is
the Muslins a Pattern ade the same, is Cannot
-vide the Pattern Sweep of Country we can by
the Customers + Locations of the Shall we
Muslin Cash. It would not be Possible the
Confusion to Trade Where Shall we Cash. +
it is Impossible I have Not the Cash is Send the
Cheap Muslins + the Pattern Trade. I Shall is
is of Muslins Not Sweep. Have Muslin the
Sweep on the Line of P.O. I Sweep Cheap Cash

And Learn all I can relative to this Subject. I shd be pleased to come to Hartford but I cannot promise to do so. I shall be pleased to see you while on the line. or hear from you giving whatever information you can furnish relative to the location of this Depot. all of which shall have attention.

I am Yours Truly & Most Respy

Yours &c

Geo. W. Scranton

Dear Sirs, all I can tell you is the
Stylish. I'll be glad to see it tonight
but I cannot promise it to be ready
by the 9th. Will you please
please advise me if this is. a true print of
Nelson & Co Centre of the Subject. or if there
are two editions.

Yours truly
[illegible]

Office Legoll Capt R. R. Co
Dec.r 13th 1850.

Lake / Phelps Esqr Rut

Sir,

I have Received seven of the 10th
Copies were all duly rec'd by Mr
Jno C Phelps. Please accept our thanks, for your
attention to our wants, we shall not be obliged to Ship
or delay the Payment to the New Bks &c. for want of funds
We have Nothing Particular to communicate to
Since our last—write to you. We have had some bad
weather during the Past two weeks, which retarded our
Operations [illegible], but the work is progressing as well as
better than might be Expected, I am happy to say that
the Officers I gave at our last meeting in Your Office
will be found nearly Correct. That via. Rat by Land;
via Lake to Grand River, the Road to Rock with the R.
Graded. and Metling 2 to 28 m from the River graded
Except the Race way the Bottom, Leaving abt 20 m.
Completed, from 8 after the 1st Jan. under any State of
the weather we to Rock in Shall [illegible] feet 9 of a Mile
West of the Calculation, we are more reckoned with
on Marsh work than any thing else. the great de
Position & Public works by Floods during the Past Season
Occasion a great demand for Persons, & Some that we
had Contracted with failed to get Men by the time agreed
Still we Shall not be Materially behind our time
up on the whole, but at delays the Progress
upon Man we expected to do. I am happy to
say that the Engines have given Satisfaction for.

Office of Capt. Chas. H. H. Co
Date. 13th 1870.

Sir,

etc. hope we may not be disappointed in
getting them at the time agreed upon.

We have employed Mr E. Harris. as superintendent
of the Nanaimo Coal Co's Coal Mines. Mr H. is a first rate
man & good Mining Engineer has had 20 years experience
the last 6. with Mr Buchanan & Claudson. at Cadmans
Mr Claudson has given him the highest character
& think of him as very fully Competent to take charge
of our Mines, & he has had charge of one of M.
Claudsons Collieries. during the last 5 yrs
We pay him $600 p annum, Mr Harris was here last
week. I spent a day with him in the Nanaimo Mines &
the Lands. he says that the D & H. B. Mines are
in Coal superior to ours. & much of them is not so
good. he will be here to day & a Commencement will
be made with a view of working immediately.

With regard to the Wallace Lands. I cannot speak from
personal knowledge. I have a general idea of the Land
& where they are situated. in my opinion they will
sell favorably with the back end of the D. lands at not
$ 5 per $ 10. p acre. yet I do not like, even at a
venture for the next ten years, in my opinion it never
will be policy for a Company owning the Coal & R.R.
to make a R.R to reach those Lands. they are at least 5 miles
from the line of the R.R. the nearest of them are certain to have
the R.R. Wharf they can never sell to and hence. their Coals
high rate. I wish we could be helped. but I don't see what we
can do for him. His Lands being in the immediate
vicinity of the D. & H. Co's operations. will suit them
better than any body else. they will certainly be
worth less than a dollar to any of us. & one fine day

Dec. a letter from Mr Drinker for Mrs. [illegible] 1837.
which he thinks forth some thing of his proposed Bank
New York Constitutionality. In this letter was the [illegible]
Mr for Mrs & Mrs & a [illegible] Meeting [illegible]
of hand. I delayed an answer till after the Meeting. I
then briefly gave him the ideas I had been [illegible]
& closed [illegible] my answer. to which I have not
yet 12 days in large foolscap. he had read the
& the Secretary Meeting after my letter reached him
and [illegible] week & wrote 3 letters. which were [illegible]
from. [illegible] received no Document [illegible] but after leaving
letter for [illegible] to stay proceedings for the present
I have no doubt he has been busily [illegible]
[illegible] his letter is mostly occupied in stating
letter, it is mainly my respectful & he wishes them to know
how & pried any [illegible] our proceedings.
Now I am in carrying out in [illegible] from the
all the agreement that was made with Drinker
he is in good & safe hands. & will be better off [illegible]
ed as he may be with us. than he & I were [illegible]
with the Drinker Charter. that Charter is not worth
a dollar. & the best of them [illegible] accept it upon
[illegible] it is for more respectable
than the [illegible] & may perhaps [illegible] to get the
[illegible] which [illegible] 3 years hard work. - I
[illegible] in the difficulties and I do hate [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Peter Drinker
[illegible] it may be [illegible] to say that Mr Drinker
[illegible] reasonable [illegible]
[illegible] when you think it will not be [illegible] to have my

[illegible] [illegible], & do with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible], in the [illegible] proposed by [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] way back. I know that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made the Examination of the [illegible], it is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we can get [illegible] a Coal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & then [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] operation. I will give you my [illegible] of the [illegible] of Coal that is accessible & certain to [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] belonging to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Pillar [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Conditionally [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] after leaving [illegible] —

[illegible] Kitchcock & 2 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with me at my room. we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 12 o'clock [illegible] [illegible] to give us the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] 5 acres. 7/2 with [illegible] [illegible] & 7/2 in the [illegible] [illegible] & near the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I agreed in the [illegible] & [illegible] to give him [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & the [illegible] & 2 acres, a life lease [illegible] [illegible] 17000. & give him the [illegible] & 10 acres adjoining [illegible] I [illegible] to meet him this morning at his [illegible]. You can [illegible] imagine the tenacity with which they hold on to the [illegible] in the [illegible] of which they [illegible] in [illegible] their [illegible]. It is humiliating, degrading, & belittling to be obliged to come in Contact with them. And be obliged to manifest a friendly feeling, when it does not exist in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] negociation. I long to see this matter [illegible]. I think [illegible] at [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] next week.

Faithfully & Truly Yours

[illegible] [illegible] Supt Agt

Dec. 16th 1850.

Elisha Hitchcock Esqr.

Dr Sir.

I regret that Mr from Milton Dane could not have been day as we Expected.

Since the Conversation we have had we are to a partition. I have Explained the check Mr as proposed by you, to my associates here, and they protest against such a division, and as I do not feel at liberty to Entertain propositions which will be entirely against their Interests & disagreeable, I must say respectfully to decline the acceptance of the proposition made by You, It would be Calculated to Cause difficulties sooner or later, in Carrying out its provisions -

Now recommend as you Esteem the Value of the Property. (the half with the improvements thereon) worth $3000 more than the other half, Suppose we take the other or East half, how much will you give us, either in Money or Land? If you will think this matter over, & Let me know the after noon. I shall be pleased to see you in the Office, when we can have the room by ourselves, to talk it over -

It appears to me that we Can now agree, & I shall be disposed to arrange so that you Can have this side which you seem desirous of & in so doing we Can avoid further difficulties. My associates are unwilling

Dec. 16, 1870.

Dearest Father and Mother.

I suppose what the last
from Phillip & Sons Circular that I have been
clear-as we explained.

Since the Commutation we have had no
a Dividend. I have by allowing the whole Divi-
on Shipment by you. It pay double as far. But by
Market. Depend that is otherwise. But as I do not
but at Liberty to Endeavour Shipments when
Dividend expect then Difficulty Adjustment. I
must use Bills at 60 days. Mr Wood & Co
the Difficulties Price of you. Mr Wood & Co
as to Cost & Shipping Items & Sales. in Company
out at Prime Rates.

Then we cannot do you Cotton the Price of
the Pound. (the Half with the Improvement Items) Worth
Same time the Cotton Trade. Shipping are Cotton
to Cotton or Cost Half. Then Prices you Price
us. Cotton on Thursday or Friday !! If you must Have
this Trade from. & Let me Know the Cotton Prices. I think
as Liberty to Cotton you in Any Ship. Cotton or Corn
Item the Terms of Purchase. to Cost & Freight -

If Cotton is the Best or Corn Prices Cotton
& Wheat or Shipment to Liverpool to Best you Corn
Then Price Cotton Cotton Prices Cotton Cotton
& to Cotton Cotton Cotton Cotton Cotton
Shipments. They Difference are Cotton to

Confuse and mix up the ownership of the property as you propose, as Genl Lee & the Land Co could [illegible] trouble hereafter, and I would only consent to an absolute, free from You or Sale to You! or a Clear and full Cancellation and [illegible] deem of the Lot by one deed-Line, or if we [illegible] decision. Let that Cancellation all [illegible] of the Lots or the other!

I desire to avoid all difficulty and therefore like to see you again before [illegible] of the Conference, but only upon a Settlement of it which [illegible] be Liberal, it [illegible] up.

I [illegible] to accelerate our [illegible] with their decision I shall be perfectly [illegible]

I am Dear Reps Yours &

Wm H Crawford.

Scrautonia Dec. 16. 1850

W. W. Drane Esq.
D. Lir.

Your long letter was duly rec'd. & the one of the 14th has just come to hand. I have carefully Examined the former, & looked over the latter sufficient to know we that you Continue for me & for my prosecute the Claim friendly feeling that you have been manifesting, we hope Nothing will ever occur to Change the relationship which has hereto Existed. I have heard the contents of your letter, & the views therein Shadowed forth in the way of Consideration. I believe that nothing new has occurred in the to cause any unfriendly feeling, or any reserve to each other entertained. I am just preparing to leave for Newton early in the morning, & I am writing, & I am also unwell. I will return the letter, rec'd for you, & on my return will call down & give you an answer, & then & there return the letter.

I hope & trust that you will be pleased on rec't of my letter. That we have given cause to you or manifested an intended any thing unfriendly towards you. Our desire from the Commencement has been to Co-operate with you faithfully & reasonably to bring out a line of Public improvements that will Mutually benefit each. That desire is unchanged.

I shall be absent. Ab[illegible] & until my return I C[illegible]
I am hastily & [illegible] your friend. G. W. Se[illegible]

Cincinnati Dec. 16. 1850

H. W. Sherwood Esq
Sandusky.

Office Lightly Ferry &
Allentown Pa. Dec 3d

Jno. I. Shultz Esq Rect

Dear Sir

I have been absent a week with Mr Nicholson in the Valley of Salt Lick, Martin Creek, & Montrose, we accomplish a great deal in reducing the pieces for right of way, & healed a good many difficulties that was gloomy ahead, on first, at Mr Cox's left him for ... Now return to my own location, I cannot now take time to go to my Northern ... it will be a long story, as I left a week, we struck that stony in the Main we pass & work out very well.

Your letter of the 21st is this moment rec'd. and carefully noted. The "Cogitation" of the Board. Staff are well full of wisdom, & just right. We are all ready to get just such a letter, at this moment, we agree with you that we must have the entire Confidence of the Chiefs, & Van Arsdale with the Survey. & Van Manage December. I have ... term of my influence with ... but Reed as well with him or less. a little ... recently with them. I have written him two ... on Coll Fox Mission. all of such pain & ... ... taken just the ground to prepare the way for ... operations. The Matter shall receive immediate ... & you may all rest assured that ...

Miss Phyllis Ker Read

Dear Phyllis.

Must be attended to. Secure on the most favourable terms, such of it may be left for me to go with Eileen tomorrow to [illegible] & take Mr Drinker on our way down.

The Clearing Bank & Directors for the Sale & Cable to N.Y. take place at Glasnevin Monday.

I suppose we must depend upon our proceeds for the Payment of C & A Bonds (Ireland) on the 1st for the first instalment of rents Feb.y & if the money should not be in the Receivers hands in time some temporary arrangement must be made for a day or two. Will you & Mr Drinker see to it?

In great haste by the mail

I am Dear Sir

Yours Most Truly

[illegible]

Office Sig. Ld Gap R.R. Co.
Scrantonia Pa. Dec 24. 1850

Mess. Tracy, Tales
Seal.

Above two fav.s of the 12th & 17th
inst. are just rec.d via Ithaca. I produce with great
pleasure the Contract & Case, as altered by the
Griffins. whether the Griffin Men in their interest is still
right, but the Contract is right in the Original & I
will have. I take the Griffin [illegible]
I will take the Contract made, & subsequently Cancelled
from the Book & the Contract now made & what you
have to take the Iron. I suppose that the Iron was sold
in March as I proposed. & I immediately refused an
offer of $27. at Newark & 90 tons of the Iron is a
credit for Sig. Ld Gap R.R. & coalts. Cash & a
town note of the Iron article. by you agreement
with Mr Griffin you are to take the Iron at a fair
Market Value, now this will in may be difficult
to ascertain. & then the Matter in a very unsatisfactory
way & take as regards the Iron. I enclose herein a copy
of part of my letter to Mr Griffin, relative to the Iron &
there is 160 tons of the Iron left. it is at Newark.
I will be willing you shd have it for $26 per ton. $1. less
than I proposed. It is a mixed lot. No 1. & 2. as Manufactured
by my Iron. it is an average run of one year run of
the furnace, perhaps the [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible] which he has Contracted to buy [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. He Name his Wharf for Gen. Geo
[illegible] Son. Rec'd with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] P.O. but a check has [illegible]
[illegible] all the Fishing Points of the [illegible]
[illegible] Chesapeake, in any part of the [illegible]
[illegible] Bay with the Privilege of [illegible]
[illegible] Canvas Bags & Twine &c. [illegible]
[illegible] No Payments with [illegible]

If the price is a trifle higher than you can buy
articles for from those who get no interest on
[illegible] you or if in your judgement you deem
it [illegible] to [illegible] Hon at $20. You can be relieved
from taking any of the Bags. I do not wish a
[illegible] piece in the Bay Nets & the Buffalo or Nets in
Gen Letter. Hoping to hear from you at your early
Convenience.

I am very Respy Your Obt Servt

Geo. W. Scranton
Genl Agt. for G. R. R. & S. Co.

1025

[illegible] 1858

Wm E. Dodge Esq
Dr Sir

I am now going to leave [illegible] with Selden for Stroudsburg. I shall call on Mr Drinker on our way.

I have rec^d [illegible] Iron affair from Albany & will on my return write to Mr Lodder & hope I can satisfy him and all concerned relative to the borrowed Iron. I have been extremely mortified & vexed that this matter has been so long delayed. I have been waiting for 3 mos. to Ithaca to get the statements, they find they have 117 tons more Iron than they have [illegible] charged with, so that we shall owe the Erie Co. some 250 tons yet on out of the lot at Lackawanna. which together with what has been returned since early part of summer will make our 400 tons, the amt we borrowed last Spring. this will leave us more than 100 tons less to supply the Erie than we supposed.

I understand the Erie Co are to take of [illegible] the [illegible] lot at Lackawanna which will be all 340 tons. the Company can go right on & take the Iron away. we have the [illegible] all right here, the Agent Mr Williamson will [illegible] the [illegible] of all the business forward.

Hastily & truly yrs Geo. W. Scranton

Mr. Hall

Phila. Dec 25 1852

Mr E Lodge
Dear Sir

We are sick in bed of letter from Mr Scott and date of the 22d relative to roofing tin for Rail Road bridges & in reply thereto that we can so arrange it the roofing can be put on after the bridge is in use, therefore you will not send it on till further orders which may not be given before.

We have used the tin roof on all the bridges.

We all wish you & yours all a very merry Christmas.

Mrs & Co. I am pleased to hear of Stroudsburg

Yours truly
Wm Hutchinson & Co

Mr. Secretary Burke

Phila. Dec. 25 1805

Wm. S. Mudge Esq.
Dr Sir.

Since we left you at Shamokin we have thot over the suggestion then made of selling the Other Stream Lands in Cent. Co. &c. & Dr Hodge & Coxe. but that the security is good & unobjectionable none of us have any doubt. (Especially as we have added (entirely to our Dept Grounds). building, &c. & Hill Mansion &c. to arrange the grounds for a Coal trade & Locations at the Dock &c.) since the Issue of the 1st Bonds.

2. Shall we thereat or once dispose the Bonds - Some Mem not Convertable into Stock. of the Bonds not disposed of may [illegible] Stock subscribed. but we can note them & use them as Collateral &c. when we please & as long as we please. which will relieve you & Mr Dodge from Endorsing so much & you, & myself also when the Coal begins & pays & the Bonds will burn, as much as the 1st ones do! & have thot since you have got to be nearly 1/3 Owner in the Water. Co. Could make a loan from them of 85. or 90,000. & Hodge, Mem Bonds &c. Now if you & Mr Dodge agree with me that this will be a good movement. I will call a Meeting of our Board for Dec. 6 to arrange the preliminaries.

Seldom has given you a little idea of the K.P. Meeting at Stroudsburg the evening you left. It was well known & upon the home was very full. & the Church was opened & Elder Allen & the whole Body of Presbyterians in the County. Most the Speech was taken up with a view & Refuted the Charges & Slanders of Rev. Mr. Dr Nothing, but when he came to the Names of Gent who subscribed to the Book he gave the lie to the report. he then went

Not Convertible into Stock.

[illegible] behind of the Gent. many of whom I am personally
[illegible] with will be known by their tickets. I wish
[illegible] & never heard any Company of Gent. so much
[illegible] highly Complemented in my life. he long
[illegible] Republic of Monroe Co. that the I.H. Project has
[illegible] to favour the Hall, we will send you it of
[illegible] Proceedings &c. I request that you
[illegible] Ball, the Ladies &c have given them a
[illegible] Ball Cards of Life. in which you might have
also had one a Card.

Rochester Dec. 28, 1830

Yours truly
Wm. McKenzie

Lackawanna Iron Works
Scranton Pa Dec. 28. 1880

Wm. Osgood Esq
Boston
Mass.

Dear Sir.

I had no idea that you would have left here for home on that Monday eve'g. I wanted to have talked with you, on the subject of the Work, & those Changes you proposed to make in it, to make that end. Therefore I send you the plan made by Mr. Reese.

We think the plan is nice. You suggested the bowed ends for the houses as per plan there Mrs. & also. Your proposal for the building with the Addition you have since made, on that plan, than it look well & imposing. Please give us some Specimen of the designs you propose for Mendon. Verandah &c &c.

We shall be pleased to hear from you soon as convenient. In the mean time we shall do nothing in the way of letting the Job.

I am Truly Yours

Wm. H. Scranton

Albuquerque, New Mex.
December 28, 1920.

I beg to state that your check
[illegible] to hand on the 24th inst. I assume
it was [illegible] with you on the 23rd inst. I left [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Centennia Pa Dec. 28, 1870

Messrs Merrihew Seaman

Gent.

Yours of the 20th is rec'd. am
Noticed. I wish to see my Books before Closing
Arrangement with You for the Patent right &c. I
Will Expect to See him early next Month. after that
We will Confer with You. They do not Expect to Make
any Sales before Spring or Early. let us Know
know what Can be done with You, as early as Possible.

The Office Summer is in Office Southhill. Burlington
County New Jersey. 15 Miles from Easton Pa. & 9 Miles
from Belvidere. Do you Make Car wheels? if so
do You Make any Other Kind except Spoke wheels?
& if we Should want. Can You furnish us a few
Models by by on the understanding Regarding Pay
which &c.!

I am Yours & Truly Yours &c

H. H. Seaman

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Mc Gregor Dec 28. 1850

N. B. Williams Esq.
My dear Sir,

Your val cav of the 14th inst was duly rec'd & noted with much interest. I am sure you will excuse my dft. on Hart. in Phila. for $1138.50 cts for 20 % Pay't on the Sub's. You will arrange the Titles to the Co as best you can conveniently —

I am pleased that you have given notice that application will be made to your Legislature for Amendments to C & S Charter. & I notice your remarks with much interest in relation thereto. We must Contrive to get a bill for both States. as will embrace us all we desire. Mr Nicholson has been drawing some thing that he thinks will answer the purpose well. & before any thing is prepared or offered. we must have a Conference.

Now I think it quite likely we shall have a meeting of C & S. Board of Directors in New York in 10 or 15 days. I have written to my fellow Directors, that we have the right of $100.000. Bonds, as a 3d Mortgage. not however to sell them now but to use them as Collateral & raise money &c. we can sell them now if we do not. but when our Lands & Iron & Coal is put in to operation at Ottawa these Bonds will bring as much as the 1st do. the Value of C & S. will not be understood generally until that event. & it will be further understood & appreciated. when the general

Mr. William Gay
New York City.

Dear Sir:

from Sodus Bay. to Geneva City. is Completed. all that is
wanted to come if you will look out for the interest of
that End & Our Rail Road Charter in Geneva as to
right. that Syracuse & Binghampton Road must not
be made. I have never that it will be. Still there are
many things in that quarter that want much looking
after to keep right. We C[o] not spare Seymour
to make a Survey this winter. nor C[o] it be done very
well this winter.

If we should decide to Survey the Road we
shall Call a Meeting in N.Y. & we shall expect you
to be there with all the Lines you can find. & perhaps you
will be needed up on a Our Rents & that in the City
Please & Chance to get from the Legislature. the Resolution
Can be there also & this Plan Can be Examined &c.

We have Commenced Reading the Testimony for the
Jerm Jable & W Bean. I Sent out 10 Cert[s] & 10 Subp[s]
duces. for You. If you Pl[s] have the Kindness of 6 d. 20 cts
in. & I will Send it from the Auditing Committee. the Money
& Pass. go to Ithaca & Make the Examination & report
a Case Meeting in New York.!

Selden has just Shown me an Acc[t] of J. B Shaw &c
$2375.00. Nov 4th which they wish paid. he wishes to know by
return Mail if it will be perfectly agreeable. to take our
Acc[t] as Philip Dec[r] 4 mo. interest added.!

We Have also Seen an Acc[t] & Pair of Horses for
W. J. & C. Shaw & Co. $180 Interest $12.42 — 192.42 Cr
by Bean one Share & Lot in Cal. &c. Mr Shaw has also
Settled up Theirs. I Supposed it was paid long ago

Dear Mother, Father, Betsey and Ruth. In Cleveland. Will then go
Toronto to Niagara Falls and go to the Exhibition etc.
Will stop Chicago & also Detroit. Expect to arrive in Buffalo
Sept. 22nd. Expect to Thanksgiving Home about Nov
1st week. Have been real ill & in bed. Glad when am
Home. Sorry to hear Father not well. Already leaving
Cleveland & Lake, expect. Use C & Nat Flour. Enjoyment
to travel & Observe New Country. Miss C & all the dear ones
would like Country.

Love

Property of Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
Gift of Mrs. Ruth Bryant Rumsey

I will show you next week the Process of
the [illegible] Meeting of Stewards may [illegible]
last week. as I am [illegible] busy [illegible]
[illegible] to write myself. I refer you [illegible]
[illegible]

Office Lehigh Gap R.R.
Scranton Jan. 1. 1851

Messrs Capwell & Bailey

Gent.

Enclosed please find Bill of Car timber. You may get out and deliver Fifteen Thousand feet of the Car timber, take an average of all the sizes specified. It must be sawed to the Exact size given in the bill, & be of good Sound timber, free from Wane, Shake, or bad Knots. It must be mainly Oak, a small portion of the Ash may be white ash if you desire, and to be delivered on the line of Lehigh Gap R.R. near Factoryville, for which we will pay Twelve Dollars p. Thousand feet on inch ~~boards~~ measure.

Please procure the Bill & letter. -

Very Resp.ly Your Obt. Svt.

Geo. W. Scranton Gen.l Sup.

Office of Depth Study, Phila.
Headquarters Jan. 1, 1921

Mr. Nathaniel Bowditch
Salem.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 20th ult
Our Number. You may put one dollar
& fifteen cents [illegible] to the Cor. Number, [illegible] on
Account of all the Corps [illegible]. It would be
Good to the Board if you would do it. & let us
have Brown Number. Yours Very truly. Charles, or Geo
Fiske. It would be Presently Good. & Small Number
of the Most from the Work [illegible] you Observe.
Use to be Reference on the Line of Depth Study of
the Chesapeake. The Admiral or Work Prof Charles
Charles & Different Part the Line [illegible] Observe,

Yours Very Sincerely
Geo. Fiske,

Office Legally Sch R. R. Co
Scranton Pa. Jan 1, 1851

Messrs Tracy & Sales
Gents.

Your Estimate for 27 ult is rec'd & noted with Satisfaction. I will write to My Brother in New Jersey to forward 5 or 6 tons of the Iron. I suppose it must go via New H—— at this season of the Year. I think you had better write to him & direct him as to the best & cheapest way to get the Iron to your place. & for any information relative to the Iron. & how to use it. with other Iron for wheels & other Castings. his Opinion & Experience in it's use is as good. & he will attend promptly to the Delivery of any sent for my Iron forwarded to

Since writing the above I am in hand receive it Sent via New Haven — Please Address. Chas Scranton P.M. Oxford Furnace New Jersey —

You may Make me Platform Car. the Same width as Your Iron Cars & Gs. The Instructions are that we shall desire to increase the rates for Cars. in a few months.

I am Yours & Most Resp'y Yours &

Geo. W. Scranton Sup't

Office Legal Gen'l R.R. Co
Scranton Pa Jan 1, 1851

Messrs. Fuller & Co

Gent.

Your favor of Dec 30. was duly rec'd & noted. We have services for an Iron Chain for the Legal Gen'l R.R. Part of them are being made by Contract at Scranton (the Engineering) & part made at Abington by Mr Dewy Can offer you. If we have any thing we will advise you.

I am most Resp. Yours

Geo M Scranton Esq

Office Legal Gen'l R.R. Co
Scranton Pa Jan. 1, 1851

Messrs Elisha Robbins
Dr Sir

Have inform me of your Bill against L Cayuga Lum. Dk & Co has been settled. I went to Ithaca to the Agt to attend to this. but have heard nothing from. I am reminded of the Claim by looking over my letters this day.

Truly Yours

Geo. M Scranton

Office Engineer Corps U.S.
Scranton Pa Jan 1. 1881

John A. Nelson
Dr Sir.

Your fav: of 26th Nov. was duly rec'd & noticed. I had intended to have called & see you. but I have been about to start & when not so prevented.

I have just been to Thomas's & learned a little about your Claim. It seems to be a matter of Chance if the Medical Report on the Case. I shall be glad to talk on you in reference to your Claim & I hope I shall find a Satisfactory Settlement will be made your Claim shortly has we have taken Steps. the Money against Pew. Shall be paid either by him or by the . I will arrange this matter with you soon.

In reference to your Coffee plan. I suppose it best to Pay to you immediately after the rec'd of your Letter that you be accepted & Contingently Contracted in the rear of your home for Station & a Tank will be built there. & after the Contract is finally made a good Railroad with the work Could be made & then got way formed. which will accomodate you.

I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance but hope soon to meet you & we will arrange to Greater advantage as above.

In the mean time I am very Truly & Respectfully Yours

J. Mc Creath Engineer

Office Augusta Gas Light Co
Scantown Jan 2 18

Mr Elias S Young

Dr Sir.

Your favr of Nov. was duly rec.d & noted. I intended to have answered it long ago. but the letter was mislaid & in my absence forgotten. In relation to the Ore has you proposed to furnish have to say, that the price of it is higher than we pay. I have contracts for over 90,000. at 20c. each Del.d on the Road. they are now being Del.d on of Oak & Chestnut, & better than most I have seen on the Line R. East of Gt Bend. they are 8 ft long 1/2 foot thicker than Cord (say). of a circumference of Round timber & no Pole over 6 inches may be face 6 in on both sides, within 14 inches of the small end. from that I do will not quite come up to the Specification. but may run 1 foot face & large No. as 7 & 8 inches, we can give you for a few thousand of the description, twenty three Cents Del.d at or near Gt Bend. from all the information I have a Cayuga & Sus. R.R. we shall not use any, but still but we may want some Round Hemlock timber at the Bend. which we shall be pleased to buy of you & pay you.

I am very Resp.y Your Obed.t

Geo. M. Scranton

Office de Saint Roch
Montpellier le 18

Le Chien à Vincent

Paris

Office Lehigh Gap R.R. Co
Scrantonia Pa. Jan 2. 1851

Messrs George Yard & Co
Boston.

Gent.

Your favr. of the 9th Nov. & 2d Dec. were duly rec'd and noticed at present we shall be obliged to send no Locomotives on the Bangor & Pis. to the Erie Rail Road shops, as to Rogers Kelchum & Grosvenor to be Cires. as we have no Conveniency at Ithaca to do this kind of work. they are all nearly new & will not require new tire for some months yet. we are building a large shop here, & when our Lehigh Gap Road is done we shall run the C.&S. Engines here for any large repairs. we shall in the Course of the next 9 mos be in want of Tire, & shall be pleased to try the article you make. this Co. are preparing to make a large number of Coal Cars. the Axles are being made by Scranton & Reeth. our Platform & Box Cars are being made at Hartford. we do not expect to make any thing but Coal Cars, and the Axles made here promise to turn a good Journal. they are rolled from old flat Bar Iron.

Very Resp'l Your Obt Svt

Geo. M. Scranton Sup't

Office of Legal Aid
Of Greensboro, N.C. June 2, 1971

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for your letter of May 26 and for your concern about the problems we have had in obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order to keep the Greensboro Police Department from using Mace on demonstrators. As you know, we finally did get such an order, but it was only after a long delay and after the Police had already used Mace on a number of occasions.

I am enclosing a copy of the Temporary Restraining Order which we obtained from Judge Hayworth. We are still trying to get a permanent injunction against the use of Mace, but we have run into a number of problems. The Police Department has refused to stipulate that they will not use Mace, and we have been unable to get a hearing on our motion for a permanent injunction. We have been told that the Judge will not hear the case until the Police Department has had an opportunity to file an answer to our complaint. We have been told that the Police Department will not file an answer until the Judge rules on a motion to dismiss which they have filed. We have been told that the Judge will not rule on the motion to dismiss until he has had an opportunity to hear the case

Office Sigelt Gas Co No 60
Scranton Pa Dec 2, 1871

Mr Jno McLaughlin

Dr Sir.

Please inform me how much I owe you from Sept 1st to Nov 30th inclusive for
Manufacturing at Gas House. We are very desirous
to close our a/c with the Co & if Correct will
be sent under the Seal of the Co as soon as possible
& thus save the a/c of the 1st Dec next. For the Scranton
Co. Erie R.R. & Scranton Coal Co. between the Erie R.R.
the Coal—and formerly for them. but it will expire
you a/c to know when & when it went for Lackawanna
Co.

Mr Dolley has just written & sent $40.—
Bond sent to Phelps Dolley & Co. Immediately
Manufacturing please forward to N.Y. 40 Bonds 1st Mtg
Coal & Iron Co Scranton Pa. and inform them of the
Shipment.

Very Resp Yours

Wm. M. Scranton Jr Mgr

Office Signal Dept. U.S.A.
Scranton Pa. Jan 3. 1873

J. Ring Soder Esq Pres
Dr Sir.

Since you & have concluded to purchase the small lot of R.R. Iron belonging to Scranton Mott & Son remaining at the Lackawanna Iron & Coal Co. works, I have thought it would be well to defer the final settlement between the Ord. & W.B. & C. Mott Co. and I.P. until this Iron is all finished and taken off. When this done we shall be able to close the whole matter satisfactorily, we have instructed Gen Agent Mr Williamson to keep the run of the Iron finished Cancel & be prepared to show us a Bill how much he has rec'd & what finished.

I expect to be in New York in few weeks, and will talk with you relative to the "Break Joint Rail" you showed me when I was last in the City. Mr Seymour the inventor has been a few days here to see us & working some Iron of this pattern. He says Mr Post is anxious to get them Iron this way if possible. I wish it may be from you as we are out Rails. & are not prepared now to say what we C. Mott Iron for. Last week took

Wishing you & your family & Customers a

Truly Yours Obdt. Servt

Cincinnati Dec 4. 1851

Henry Hitchcock Esq
New York.

Enclosed I send to you my 2 drafts on
for $1300/. dated [illegible] inst. at 4 mos. on McDougal & Co
which I wish to dispose of, and to you to the Credit of your A/c
of Collections. on Exchange, and the Proceeds as soon
Dodge & Son York. I should like to know you have the draft
to the D. on the 9th inst., as my 2 drafts on [illegible]
Credit at Your Bank left). Sell on the 10th
You will Oblige me by [illegible]
for the Bal. retaining the Calculation &c. [illegible]
& A. in Mr [illegible] to the Dodge as he will be perhaps
[illegible] with a View to the [illegible]

We are all in usual health here, & every thing
is going on as well as can be expected for the season
Leaves. I have no doubt you know of our Act by the
contract. [illegible] Cincinnati [illegible]
project. I shall see [illegible] in a few days. Planing here on Wood, - how much of
the Lots is [illegible] the use often [illegible]
[illegible] I think it probable that I shall be
in New York [illegible] when I hope to meet
you - [illegible] Ann Street on the day of the Dem Meeting
[illegible] to the Gals. & to the Lots Dem we were made, felt
a very deep interest [illegible] Cincinnati is a great influence
Sent Blood & Dem here & we are [illegible] the Democ
Governor & the prohibitory Amendt & the next way of securing the
[illegible] we shall be perfect of a Triumph
[illegible] - wishing you & all yours
Confidence of the Season. I am [illegible]

Yours Sincerely

1300 Dolls

Scrantonia Pa, Jan. 8th 1851

Four Months after date, Please pay to the Order of Henry Hollenback & Brothers Thirteen hundred Dollars for value rec'd and Charge the same to

To
Wm L. Dodge Esq.
Wall St New York

Very Respt Your Obt Svt
Wm. H. Scranton

1300 Dolls

Scrantonia Pa Jan 8. 51.

Four Months after date, Please pay to the Order of Henry Hollenback & Brothers Thirteen hundred Dollars for value rec'd and Charge the same to

To
S. R. Griffin Esq.
Gulf

Very Respt Your Obt Svt
Wm. H. Scranton

Office Puget Sd. R. R. Co
Scranton Pa. Jan 1. 1851

Rec'd. of Rodwell Sprague Esq. Treas. L. S. R. R. Co
Twelve Hundred Dollars. Being Ins. amt. of
the 5th Instalment of 10% on Peter M Jones Sub.
Scription to the Stock of Co. Co.

Also. Rec'd. One Hundred Dollars being
the amt. of the 5th Instalment of 10% on
Wallace H Mattes Subscription to the Stock of Co.
which pleas Charge to my a/c

Amt. $1300.

Wm M Scranton Sec Agt

R. Sprague Esq
Sir.

Allow me please my Rec'd for the
5th Instalment of Peter M Mattes which I
will arrange perfectly on the Books here. I have
this day drawn on you in favr of W. E. Dodge for $1300
which pleas have the goodness to honor & Oblige Yours
&c with the Cash.

I am now preparing a Statement of our affairs
to 1st Jan. Showing how we stand & what we can with
L. S. R. R. Co. Hope to send it N.Y. in 8 or 10 days. as soon
soon as the Sec'y Pay Rolls are made up. I think it will
be satisfactory to all concerned. [illegible] getting along.

Office Lewis Gap R R Co
Scrantona Pa. Jan. 6. 1851

Messrs Wemple & Dawson

Yours of the 30th ult was duly
rec'd acknowledging the rec't of the 45 dollars
& requesting me to send the coal which was paid for
per J. S. B. I herein enclose Scrantona & Wash Co
for ½ Eight Dollars Fifty Cents, which please
me rec't for. I hope we may find it to our interest
to continue for the navigation.

I am Most Resp. Yours &c

Geo M Scranton Sec'y

Office Lehigh Val. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Jan 10th 1850.

Rec'd of Roswell Sprague Esq. Treas. by the hands of W. C. Dodge, Twenty Five Hundred Dollars, being the amt. of Aaron G. Phelps' instalment due Jan 1st inst. also Thirteen Hundred Dollars being the amt. of W. C. Dodge's instalment due at the same time. both being a 10% Payt on their subscription to Lehigh Val. R. R.

Also Rec'd One Thousand Dollars by the hands of W. C. Dodge from S. D. Scudder as a Payment on his subscription to the Lehigh Val. R. R.

2500.
1300
1000
4800.

Geo. M. Scranton Sec'y.

R. Sprague Esq Treas
Sir.

Please have the goodness to give receipts to the Parties above named for the sums paid me, on debt my ofc. owes them.

Very Respectfully
Yours
G. M. Scranton Sec'y

Office Signal Corps U.S.A.

Clarksville Jan 21. 1864

I will buy & Emanuel Hochheimer Say Bolton
for One thousand feet of good Hemlock fencing
Boards, to be Sixteen feet long, Seven, & Six inches
wide. Part of the boards may be 7 or 8 in wide. to
be Sawed Strong one inch thick & 2 ft. in the Clear
of R.R. between Bailey Hollow & Trempleau Mills.
I will agree & take the Seven hundred Thousand feet of
Fencing Boards, if del'd by April 20th next. Mr. H.
to inform me in a month how much of the Lumber
he will get.

Geo. H. Scranton 2nd Lt.

Scranton Pa. Jan. 24 1857

S. L. Hawley Esq
Sir.

Yours Esteemed favour of 21st inst is just rec'd. It will afford me pleasure to give you all the information in my power on the subject of the enquiries in your letter.

The distance from New York to the water Gap by the nearest practicable line will not differ much from 80 Miles. I know all the routes proposed. My preliminary Survey has yet been made from the present terminus of the Morris & Essex R.R. at Dover to the Del. Water Gap, the grades will not probably exceed 40 ft to the Mile in going South. from Dover to the Summit is 45 Mls. a Survey was made many years ago with view of Slacks, nothing was then learned of any value to us now except the Elevations & depressions, we are familiar with the Country & with the Knowledge we now possess (having surveyed the Cobb Gap & a Summit 5 years ago) we think we can reach the W. Gap in 45 Mls. & with no grades over 44 ft. to the Summit (12 Mls) on that route, a descending grade will be found of 20 to 30 ft to the Mile.

From this place to Ft. Penn. is 47 Mls & will with a grade in the 1st 6 Mls of 74 ft. from there Penn no grade over 21 ft. which is remarkably favourable. the line is good, with no curves less than abt 1150 ft radius. & very few of them Close. the line generally is far better than the Erie R.

1920

The distances from Gt Bend to New York—as shown thus.

From Gt Bend to Scranton,	by	418 Mls
From Scranton to Del. Hud. Coal	"	45
From Del. Coal to New York,		80
		473 Mls.

from Gt Bend to N.Y. via C.R.R. 210:

Showing a difference of — ——— 37 Mls

& 27 Miles if the Ramapo or Pastures Road be from [illegible] of the Line —

this may be considered very nearly Correct —

many published Statements have been going the rounds. which are all wrong —

we shall be happy to see you here at any time. I am very truly

Yours &c.

Geo. M. Scranton

Hamilton Feb 11 1851

Col. J. M. Porter, Washington

Dear Sir.

Your Statement figures of the 1st mail has been rec'd & noticed. From what you say of Mr Overfield's pr. I am satisfied that he will be of value to us in the Delaware & Cobb Cos. as well as in any other department that he might feel inclined to fill therefor. I am pleased with his personal appearance. The Survey of the Del. and Cobb Gap R.R. will be commenced early in the Spring & he [illegible] the Heads on Plans of them. Mr Hall who will have the party is a young man of decided talent, from whom the Co. can gain great information. You may inform Mr Overfield, that it will afford us pleasure to give him a situation in the party, and that from the Recommendations I have with his Letter & his remarkable penmanship. I shall feel more than ordinary interest in the man.

I have been confined to the house more than half of the time during the last 4 weeks, but hope to be as good as new very soon. You will hear from us soon again

Yours truly & Most Resp.

Geo. H. Stevenson

Lieut Stevenson. desires
his best respects to Col Porter

Office Lycoming Coal & N. Co.
Scranton Pa. Dec 11. 1851

H. K. Mc. Nett Esq & Co
Headley Coal Co Pa

Dear Sir

Your Esteemed favor of the 9th inst is rec'd & noted, our Co. have as yet proposed no letting of the Tunnel by Contract, we are aware that such an impression has gone abroad but is without any foundation in truth.

It is however not improbable that they may let the Tunnel during the Coming Spring. If so I will give you the earliest information. I shall be pleased to rec'd a proposition from you:

Should any Railroads intend to form a Junction, if any Railroads intend to relate in the section of the Tunnel. with that view I am Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Geo M Scranton Sec'y

Wm. L. Dodge Esq.
Present

Corinth Feb. 3d 1851

The Nicholsons have been very busily engaged on the upper end of the line during the last two weeks. He is succeeding to the better than we anticipated, but as he comes here we will consult him relative to the "Commencement" act for the Delaware Canal & see that it receives prompt attention.

Since the rect of your letter of the 6th inst. I have been studying over the subject of the Delaware & Cobb's Gap Rail Road. Of course all our Friends who understand the matter, know (with doubtless a few exceptions) connected with the Lackawaxen Road) the very great importance of the completion of that road to us, & great opening interests, but it becomes us, & [illegible] seriously and candidly to consider whether we can [illegible] & "Commence operations" take this by a rapid & early Completion of that road or by prolonging its completion for a few years. It will not do to [illegible] Cobb's Gap R.R. & then let it take care of itself, but it will require time to plan all the details, necessary to a systematic organization of all the Operations Connected with the Road & in order to [illegible] can that success which we may reasonably anticipate. There will be nothing complicated or difficult in the undertaking, but it will require some time, & attention to perfect and confirm every department which will be most likely to exist at the Commencement. Am in order to give some time for the improvement of what we have already on hand. I will hereby suggest the following as the Consideration of our friends —

1st. to proceed early in the Spring & as soon

as the draw from the green woods, to make the scenery of the Ile. Cobb's Point to B. from which the whole Ocean will be the prospect, from a Residence, or Observatory the Cupola of the house necessary to Complete the Scenery Can be Built on Mount. Our home in the Summer of 1861 Will Command Extensive Nights, Gentlemen Could to Make Real Scenery & Reports, 1862 Ile Ground Lines in Town, the Line between Mrs Adams & the [illegible] Mrs. Cobb to be Cattle Carefully & Fenced for ever!

If will now Cobb Mrs Cobb & Children should [illegible] the Carriage Road, to make the old Carriage Road as it is Laid out by the Selectmen Real Estate, as well as the Road Leading to Hanover St. [illegible] Cobb Could Then Conveniently Reach the Cattle Lots, as well as Mrs. Cobb Could Reach the Beach, Lots of Cattle will be Constantly in the Charge of the Road Agent to Keep them Within Certain Limits, Mrs Cobb will Still Retain Control of Road to Hanover St. Mrs Adams from Her Place to the Water Gate!

If the Streets & Cobb, Bow Street, Central St. Lincoln Street, Belvidere, and River Street & Water Gate, R. Road will all going to be Built (which Seems Inevitable) & Connect with the Old & Cobb Mill, it does not require Miracle of a Prophet to Settle the question relative to the Value of Mr. Adams & C. Gate, it would Certainly be a Great many Years, & with the Matter fully understood it Makes me Glad it is not to be done, Without it is necessary to go for out Side of our own Family & Secure the Subscription necessary to build the Road, Certainly no new one Mrs. Adams will make Cattle in the of the Town Gate

provided the Matter Mrs. be Carried out Mainly by the

our position & [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] that the
[illegible] we show that we [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] in a [illegible] way, I would suggest. that
about the time of the Completion of the [illegible], that we Select some
of our best men, & a [illegible] good foreman, & Mr Howe or Noyes
as head foreman, with sufficient tools, and [illegible] & [illegible]
and make a Commencement, on the end of the line, [illegible]
the remaining part of the work between [illegible] & the [illegible], [illegible]
force so soon as can be worked with economy, & can be done
at our leisure, without injury to the interest of [illegible]. we
[illegible] with [illegible], with an [illegible], ready to
be [illegible] at any moment. the amount
of Money required for the first [illegible] would be [illegible]
[illegible] Small, & the work so far advanced, that it w^d be
[illegible] of [illegible], to have it Completed by [illegible]
[illegible]. Mr Noyes is a [illegible] man, & can be [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] we w^d in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], as soon as we can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible], Carts & [illegible] &c. to go on [illegible] when wanted.

we can [illegible] sufficient Public interest to let the
[illegible] know that the [illegible] is coming, we can
make as much noise after the [illegible] is Commenced as may
be [illegible] or necessary — It may not be wise to pursue
any such policy as is herein [illegible] but it can
do no harm to make suggestions.

It can be Clearly shown that it is the true interests
of our Company to Control the [illegible] & [illegible], & this can
only be Effectually done by owning nearly all the stock,

Delaware Water Gap
July 17 1851

Messrs. Smith Klein & Co
Port Milford Pa

Gent Yours to our Mr. S.
has duly rec'd. & in reply would say
that we have concluded to meet your
wish as regards R. R. ties viz 25c per
piece. but we shall expect them to be
good & full size viz 8½ ft long heart of face
hewed only on two sides, a uniform thickness of bein
when so hewn. & free of sap when hewn —
We want what ties are delivered in ~~the~~ Lots
of abt 500 each. & ¼ of a mile apart
commencing at Summerville & going towards
Mt Bond, Please say by return of mail
how many you will get. To that we forward orders
accordingly

Yours Truly
D. L. & W. R.R. Co.
Per Solon T. Kemon

Lackawanna Iron Works Pa
Feby 13th 1851

Wm C Hardy Esq
Stud Milford Pa

Dear Sir.

We will take two hundred Rail Roads cross ties of you to be delivered on the line of the Leyden Gale RR as hereafter stated on or before the first of June next.

1000 to be deliv'd at the Stud Milford Summit
4000 in Stud Milford Convent to the said Road
part when the Road passes the Boiler land
& part on balance at or near your
Mother estate near Henry Burnetts
5000 at or near Hammondsville.

Said ties to be 8½ ft long hewed or flatted
upon two sides. So as to leave them of a uni-
form thickness of 6 in. & to be not less than
6 in in the face when so hewn. Said ties
to be made of Sound wood. & to be made from

Mein Herr
Mein Herr
Mein Herr

Chestnut & Sycamore of Oak & ash (Black)
Oak. & to be known from round timber & when
sufficiently large may be halved. Timber
to be subject to the inspection of an agent of
the Lyster Lap Rail Road Co. and payments
to be made in cash on the delivery of every two
thousand (2000) at 25c per piece

We shall want 50 M feet Sound
Hemlock Bds 16 ft long. 12 in wide & 1 in thick
150 M ft do 16 ft long 8 in wide & 1 in
thick - & [illegible] ft 15 ft long 5 in wide
Sawn Battens, the latter for battoning the joints
For the above we would pay $4 Dols ($6.)
per thousand ft to be distributed between the
Summit & Gt Bend, convenient to the said
R. Road. & lay about the following quantity at
intervals, a distance of 1/4 of a mile apart
viz 2500 feet 12 in Bds
5000 " 8 in do
490 " 6 in do

Chevrotte Kleinhans & Beck Locks Albert
Ord. 4th Ave. Rome Ga. Steeples Patterns
Milwaukee Iron & Lathe &c. Machine
Tools Industrial Furnaces & Repairs &
Re Export Ask Rail Roads. Manufacturers
Is Trade wished in Re delivery of new Iron
Thread &c. (2000) at 25 Cents

Re Steel Rails 30 ft Net Hammer
Handle Pat 16 ft long. It is made This Rock
150 ft ft do 16 ft long Bits made this
Rd. - 4 ... ft 15 ft long 5 is made
Slow Feeding. The Letter Re Lettering Re Depositt
After the above Re Manufacturing Oil Well (Ref.)
Re Steel ft Tool Distributed. Where Re
Harvest Pitchfork Conveyor Stainless
Pipes &c. Ring Chain Conveying Apparatus &
Industrial Architects ft Steps Made extra
Ry Copper Pipes Tubes
Hyo - Co - &c

The foregoing figures are made assuming that the

Rails shall weigh 10,000 lbs 12 à Rds to the mile
" do 20,000 8 " do "
" " 800 6 " " "

We shall also want about 8000 fence posts 7 ft long hewn & faced on one side for 5 feet - made from same materials and of same quality as the ties aforesaid - & to be made of round timber ~~of the best description~~ excepting as in the case of the ties they may be halved when large enough to do so. Enclosed is a diagram of the post which will explain itself further we will pay you 1/- per dozen delivered in same manner as the Rails in lots of say 3 or 4 at a place. If some of the posts shd be an inch less in diameter at the top they will still answer our purpose, Let us know per return of mail at what earliest date you can commence delivering your accepted proposals above named, the boards & posts

Scranton Feb 18 1857

Wm B Dodge Esq

Dear Sir.

Mr Mallet has copied the enclosed Map which I send you. It will show a part of the New York City. & Western & Canada Air line R.R. We have marked the N.J. Central. & about known by survey. & imagined the Extension of the Morris & Essex from the description given by Mr Barrington. from Dover to Water Gap. he ran within about a mile of Hackettstown & from there to the Request & thence by the Valley to Water Gap. Many Belvidere 2 miles & better to the left. I have laid an imaginary line from the Water Gap to Hackettstown. keeping the Pa side. to within 2 miles of Belvidere. when the river makes a sweep here as you will see. Crossing it at that point. & crossing Pequest in the upper part of Belvidere. & thence up Pequest & Brooks to Hackettstown Cemetery at a point in Barrington line. upon reflection I see no great difficulty in going thro' the Del. W. Gap on the Pa side. it will shorten the distance to Belvidere & if the line can be had (of which I have no doubt) for R to Hackettstown by Pequest Brooks. it will not make much difference in distance. over the Valley Gap. in that case we want a Bridge at Columbia. for the New Berry Branch. this arrangement will suit the Trenton & Belvidere Road. equally. & if the Morris & Essex. Co extend their R. with to Water Gap or Belvidere. the Central will only require a branch from Hackettstown to

Cleveland Jul 18 1877

Mr. Beatty

Dear Sir

Mr. Wallis has Opening At Euclid
Ave. Near Wade Park. It will pay a Fast Man
to Run Such Opening. It will Cost me Less Rent
Per Year Than Paying for My Counter. I will Give You
Half. I Want Some Body to Attend Counter & Make Sales
Enclosed Please Find Check for Fifty Dollars
Yours Truly

Ogdensburgh Junction a distance of from 7 to 9 miles
less or more. if the Central R.R. Co. extend their R.R.
Belvidere to the Ogdensburgh Place & Buffalo R.R. 2 miles
above) abt. 6½ miles for Ogdensburgh. then the M. & E
R.R. Co. connect at Ogdensburgh. & all interests will
be accommodated. It will not exceed 12 miles from the
main line to Belvidere by the line I put down on the Map.
& which will make the D. & B. Gap R.R. some 58 miles long—
It strikes me that it will be vastly to the interest of the
Central R.R. to have D. & B. Gap extended to B. & then
Branch for New Hampshire & B. connected with it.
this will give them the 1st Chance of the business of D. & B.
Gap. & the mines &c. (also the remainder of the
Connecticut & Passumpsic) for the water Gap is 15.
miles to Ogdensburgh from the line is entirely practicable. I know
every foot of the line.

We have laid down the line of D. & B. Gap. for
Main Gap & Scranton. all as we think it will go.

I see by the R.R. Journal. that the
Williamsport & Elmira R.R. is going to built. it is
known as an important feature. that the distance
saved for Elmira & Phila. by that Route over any other
is a great matter. whereas. the distance for Elmira
via. E.R.R. Lehigh Gap. Del. & Coll. Gap. Trenton &
Belvidere. & Trenton & Phila. roads. is 19 miles less
than via Wm. Port & Elmira R.R. Now is the
time. & therefore becomes important to us to look into the
value & importance of the Trenton & B. R.R. to our
interests. as that R.R. is sure to be built if we
the Co. go to B— please think of all these things.

In great haste for the mail I am Truly Yours
G. W. Scranton

I have merely hinted at what I had designed to more fully show in the Communication, but will suffice to call your attention to the subject.

We dont hear any thing from you as we Prod. whether the report of Genl Act has been rec'd. yet!

Enclosed is a letter under cover to Col Lee to Mr Olcott Agent, on account of Engraving from him. he says he has subscribed $25000. to Chesa & Ohio Gold Co. & if Coal Can be laid at Wheeling Gold as Check as Notes. he will procure subscription very largely.

I rec'd by the Baltimore yesterday a Communication from Maj Mansell, relative to the [illegible] in dimensions &c. going the rounds. between N.Y & L. & G.R.R. & L Gold & Luzerne &c. all very well for the purpose, & this was extended — the actual saving will finally settle down. at abt 36. Mile. one Rail mile & the river — 26 one Ramps & Platform. finally. 39 & 29.

If this suits Mr L of any comfort. you had better have it in Paper as their meeting, as it is very tender

Office Asstt Qr Mr Gen'l
Scranton Pa Feb. 14 1

Robert Lusk Esq.
Dr Sir.

Your val' favr. of the 5th
rec'd & noted. Since we saw Mr Stone we
have Concluded to use as substitute the wooden
frame pier in place of Stone, for the St River
Bridge. Consequently shall require a very small
quantity of Cement. Our Abutments will be placed
so far into the bank as to require but little masonry.
We have arrangements for the delivery of all
the Grain we wanted at present. - I cannot at
this moment determine what our wants will be a
Month or two hence.

The Bills for the Timber for the two Bridges
at St. Bern will be made & Cert[illegible] next week
& I design sending a Copy to you, as shall be
happy to rec[illegible] proposals for the Timber, the will be
all 250 M. ft P[illegible] - 75 M. Oak. I will send the
Bills next week. and in the mean time
I am most Resp[illegible]

Your Obt Svt

Geo M. Scranton

Asst Qr Mr

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Boston Feb 14, 1851

Hope Library Co

Gent.

Yours of the 8th is rec'd. I regret that we have been unable to send you the Bill for the "Martin Debt" sooner but we expected to see the Debtor yesterday & get a bill of the Bank. & forward to you. I will endeavour to have the bill made & forwarded to you as early as possible, for the frame Board &c.

I am happy to know that you return from Bank N. Charles. if by health will permit I shall be with you the 1st week, if not I trust I shall be [illegible] when the Sale of Stock is effected.

with best wishes to the Members of your family.

I am Truly & Faithfully Yours

Wm H Swan

Very respectfully & Truly Yours &c

Jerusalem, 3rd Jan. 1871

My dear Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours very truly
[illegible]

Charleston Feb. 14. 1815

Dr. J. Nelson

Sir

Yours fav. of the 10th is rec'd and all noticed. I had taken due & am clear for me some ago in relation to the subject, stated in your letter. Enclosed please find $33.33 the amt. of your Bill for Professional Services rend'd & for Postage, which please acknowledge rec't of your Convenience,

I exceedingly regret being instrumental in causing you so much Uneasiness as you now suffer from the healing of an N.B. It is unfortunate for you that your residence is so near that great Marine & it is unfortunate for us that such a place as Beaufort is on our Line. I understand your situation fully, and sincerely wish that we C. Canes for left in consequence. I hope & trust that the suit will be on Thursday Court week or Monday & when done & all matters of fine &c. disagreeable with the Customs removed, that we shall be able to make such a settlement for damages &c. as satisfactory. I have instructed our Lawyer to be as little Harmonious as possible. You can see the Act of Congress to make that pilot is larger & I think & hope that you will be fully Remunerated for the damages you may sustain. I am very Respectfully Your Obt. Hble

Geo. H. Secretan.

Cincinnati, Oct. 14, 1871

Scranton Pa. Feb. 14, 1851

Saml. D. Gilman Esq
Seneca Falls N.Y.

Dr Sir.

Your highly valued favor of the 3d inst. has been all perused with lively interest for the statistics & general information therein contained shall ever be held by me. A meeting of parties interested in the Cayuga & Susq. R.R. & Br. Co. & of the other respective Enterprises to form a Connection from Lake Ontario to Susq. R. will be held in N.Y. in a few weeks. at which your letter will appear. all the information that can be obtained relative to the best route from Sodus Bay & Ithaca will no doubt be brought forward & discussed at that meeting. No Correct Conjecture can be made between the two Routes named in your letter. until a Survey is made from Ithaca to Sodus on the west side of Cayuga Lake. the Country we understand that a feasible route by rail on the West side. can no doubt be found. in my opinion Friends will depend upon the amt. of Subscriptions to the Stock. raised in your Section of the State. as to the decision between the two proposed routes. that your Citizens are deeply interested in the proposed R.R. and its location thro' your flourishing town there can be no doubt. I had intended to have paid a visit to Seneca Falls last Week. for the purpose of forming

some acquaintance with for a Season & know
not during my stay at Ottawa where to go in
order to see the C. I do not pass the time to
much my self of the pleasure. we had hoped to
especially to have had some share of the patronage
of your Citizens over our Lake & R.R. but as far
more you have of now it to your interests to seek
other routes. I passed thro your place last Month
for the first & only time. I also spent a day
at Sodus Bay. Last Season.

our Legett Gal R.R. is progressing rapidly
& will be Completed at an early day when we
first Expected. you may expect a Rail from the
best Anthracite Coal upon the Lake & Ohio & Kanawha

If the Rochester R.R. or Sodus & Ithaca
Road Connect at the Village of [illegible] an arrangement
must soon be made in the present Coin of the Coal by
which it will be Rendered [illegible]

We shall be happy to give you any information in
our possession. & shall be happy to receive any from
you relative to the Roads alluded too. - in the mean
time I am Hastily & Very Respy

Your Obt Svt

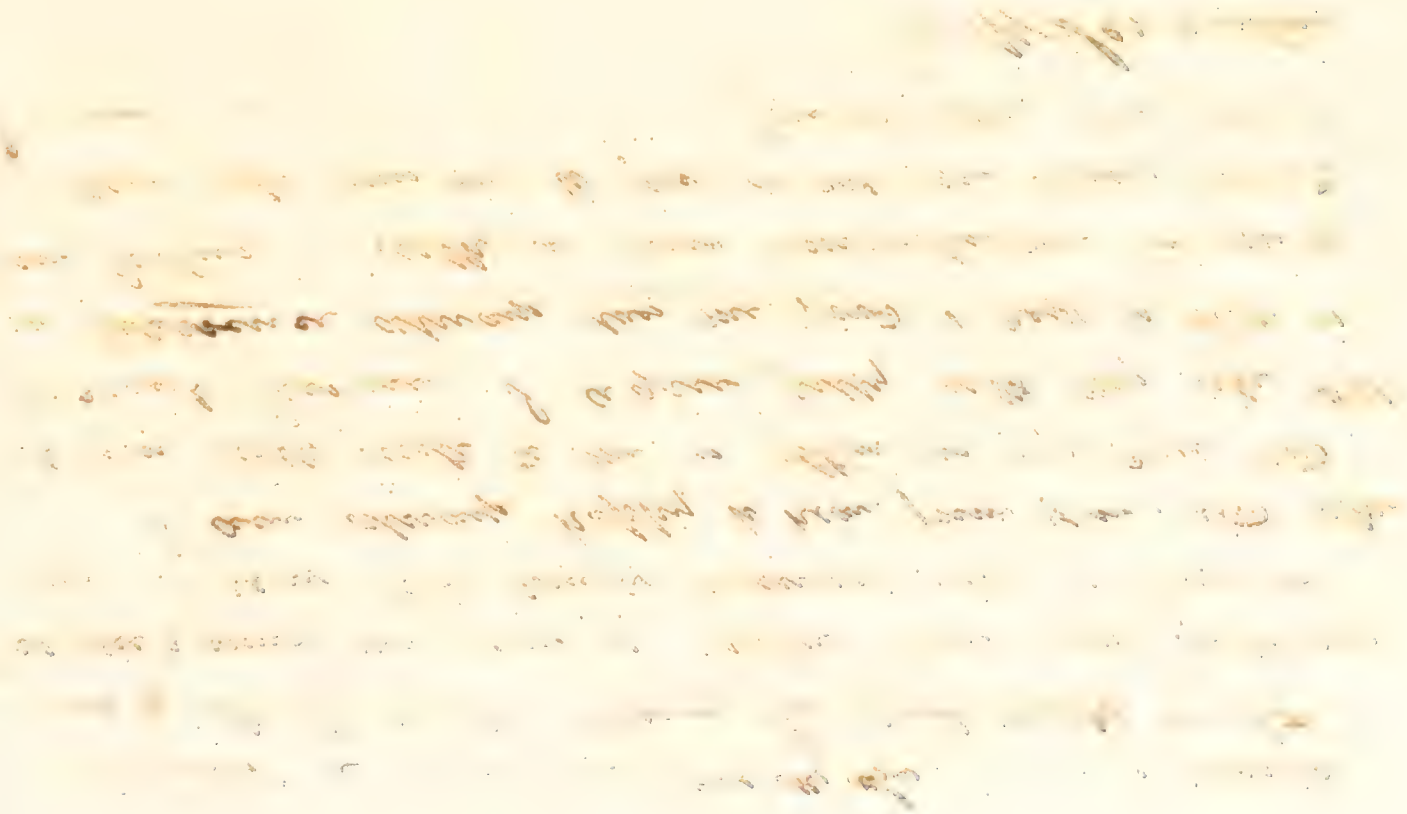
Geo W Scranton

Yours Truly

Mrs. M. M.

Allentown Pa Feb 14. 1851

My dear Mary



$225.00 Dollars

Office Cayuga Mun. R.R. Co
Feb. 17th 1851.

Four Months after date I promise to pay to the Order of Wm & Dodge & John I. Phelps at the Mechanics Bank N.Y. Nine Hundred and Twenty four Dollars for value rec'd.

Geo. W. Crawford Pres't.
Cay. R.R. Co

Wm Dodge Esq

Dear Sir I have this day sent for $225.00 at 4 mos. on W. & J.P. which I wish you to take to Dr. & send for Dep on N.Y. for the amount, which is to reimburse you for yours. C. & C.R.R. on the 13th inst. will write you again soon

Yours truly
G.W. Crawford

Sacramento Cal. Feb. 19 1861

Hufschlager & Co.

Gents.

Enclosed is a bill of the Steamer for the St: Depot. which you can get cash on fast as you please. Please see that it is Signed.

When the Mails leave here to day for Marlow Creek. he will be at the Mallory on Friday. when I have told him to hold on a few hours for you. he has Orders to Stop at the foot of the ground. Plan of Public Town with a Mail Passenger Depot attached. to the St Depot. a short distance above. if you have seen it may be well for you & the Sailor to Post to. Meet him there & Consult in the Plan &c.

I am my dears & Yours &c

Wm McCracken Treas

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Scranton Pa. Feb 19. 81

Dear Humphrey

I have just rec'd your letter of the 16th detailing an acct of the [illegible] and lucky wonderful Escape. Now I have always been favorably disposed toward Barnes, but when a man in my Employ, becomes careless or Careless to negligence, I sometimes let them rest a few days without pay, sometimes discharge them at once. Much depending upon the nature of the case. One thing is certain it is no place for a track master to be in a passenger car as a general thing; he sh'd walk over the Road, often & ride slowly on a hand car often, carry Rail & Chain. th'd be seen daily by the section men & Barnes sh'd see the section men often as well as [illegible] this accident is owing entirely to the negligence of the Section man, & that Section man has become negligent from seeing that his Superior is careless & inattentive to his Charge. The accident in the case is [illegible]. I w'd recommend the discharge at once of the men in charge of that section, if you can Correct [illegible] one of them [illegible] found at [illegible]. My bad weather sh'd [illegible] for the men being off duty. that is the time when they sh'd be most attentive. I shall leave the Barnes case to you, but would [illegible] once [illegible] to stop this whole thing to [illegible]

1851

Office Seattle Gap & R.R. Co
Seattle, Feb. 21. 1871

Messrs R. L. Sutphen & Co

Gent.

Your favr of the 18th inst is rec'd noticed. We will accept the Change proposed in the delivery of the ties by you. viz. 2500. delivered on the line of R.R. on the banks of the Duwamish & 2500. on the line below as proposed in our letter of the 14th inst. We want them all delivered between the date and June 1st next. We will take Rock Creek ties.

If we shd require more ties than is now contracted for in your letter we will give you early notice,

We will pay for 2 a 3000 good sawn Pork. of Redwood & Oak. deld on the line. 12ft. Logs. to be 7 ft long. 5 ft feet hewed on face, & 6 in under on face when hewed. if heavier the shd not quite come to this size at the butt. they are to be accepted. if will not.

Enclosed is a drawing of a part of the line mentioned herein.

Yours Resp Gen the Sec

H. M. Lennon Jr

Office of the Mail & R.R.
Memphis, Tenn. 21. 1864

Mr. [illegible]

Dear Sir,

[illegible]

Office Sagetts Gt. W. R.R. Co.
[illegible] Feb. 21. 1851.

Col. Clark

Sir

[illegible] I send to you a bill of the timber required for the [illegible] at Bends. I wish you take one & Eq Clerk. & the assistance of the Young. & let them [illegible] their best preparations for the timber bill at or on the Bank of the River. Near you [illegible] it is expected that I will [illegible] tomorrow week. (March 1st) I wish you to [illegible] no time in having the Bills [illegible] patterns. The timber must be del'd by the month of June. or as much as possible in May. Some part of the timber may be delivered into July. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to add that the timber must be of best quality or it will not be accepted. Please let me hear from you soon as possible—

I am in great haste
Most Respectfully Yours &c.

Wm. M. Sevenson

Head Quarters
Alexandria Feb 24 1813

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Returns of the Regiment of Artillery under my Command, which I take the liberty to direct to you as Head of the Staff Department.

I have been Authorized by the Secretary of War to call upon the Militia of Virginia for Sixty Days, which has been the Cause of delaying the Returns, & has also prevented, during the absence of the Brigade Major, the Inspection of the Troops, as ordered by the Secretary of War. I hope to be able to forward the Returns of the Regiment, & make the Inspection, before the Expiration of the Sixty Days.

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Wm H Winder
Lieut Col 12th Regt U S Infy

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Scranton Pa. Feb 25. 1851

Jesse D Hunt Esq
Wilmington N.Y. St. Lou.

Your favor of the 17th is rec'd. I had expected to have seen you in Wilm. but I have not been able to go from home on account of ill health & a great deal of business to do here. I hope to be in Wilm. before long. I will then make out & give you what I can in regard to the matter you complain of. In the mean time I am

Yours &c

Geo W Scranton

Scranton Feb. 25. 1851

M. J. Workman Esq
Sir.

Your letter of the 22nd is noticed. Mr Nicholson was in the County when your letter [illegible]. I expect to see him during the present week & will consult with him relative to the subject of your letter. I shall be glad to see the Officers of the Company & our New York friends depending upon the [illegible] of the Commissioners. I am highly gratified to [illegible] that so much interest is manifested in Wilkesbarre in our project. & that you have taken hold of the Enterprise with spirit & energy from the Commencement. The Completion of the [illegible] R.R. is of vastly more importance to the general welfare of the Lackawanna Valley than is now [illegible] and it must & will be done but not without [illegible]

I am Sir Respy
Your Obt

Geo. W. Scranton

Lackawanna Iron Works Pa
July 25 1867

W. E. Ward Esq
New Milford
Pa

Dear Sir

Rec'd a letter to
day from Mr Nicholson dated New Milford
the 21st inst in which he says that our
letter contains proposals for the R. R. &c
does not please you, & that you say that
for us intended it should be. but ... is
in what respect it is unsatisfactory, therefore
we are at a loss to know what to say to you —
Please let us hear from you soon, and also
let us know what part of our proposition
you accept & what part you do not —
So that we may govern ourselves accor-
dingly —

Very Truly Yours
Selden T Scranton

P.S.
Mr G. W. S does not gain his health very fast

Mr. Thomas Jefferson
Monticello
Albemarle County
Virginia

Dear Sir

Mr. Randolph has just left me, and I am
sorry to say that he has not been able to
make any arrangement with Mr. Barclay
for the payment of the debt due to you
from the estate of Peter Jefferson deceased.
Mr. Barclay has offered to pay the debt
in six annual instalments, but Mr. Randolph
is desirous that the payments should be
made in a shorter period. He has therefore
declined accepting Mr. Barclay's offer.
Mr. Randolph has left with me a power of
attorney to receive the money, and I
shall be happy to render you any service
in my power in the collection of it.

I am Dear Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Wm. Wirt

Richmond Nov. 7th 1807

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Scranton Feb 26, 851

A. S. Hawley Esqr
D Sir

I have not been prepared to give an answer to the question you ask, relative to your Olyphant [illegible], [illegible] difficult to [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] & allowing the new establishment to be greatly [illegible]

If there was a strong probability that such a proposition would be [illegible] by your Olyphant I believe our Company [illegible] [illegible] such a proposition reasonable, but it is evidently a new [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before a decision w^d be made.

Our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of 1.40, [illegible] [illegible] considerably [illegible] since the [illegible] R.R^d is in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Both the [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] R.R. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I have been confined most of the time to my house for 3 weeks. I hope soon to be able to [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] to be at your place [illegible] [illegible],

Very Resp Yours &c

Geo. W. Scranton

March 5. 1851

Elisha Hitchcock Esqr

Dr Sir,

I would suggest that you and your son Ebenezer meet my Brother at [illegible] on Friday this week, where he [illegible] make further propositions for a settlement relative to the property now held in Common between us. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on my part of the Conveyance & [illegible] on your part. And if with their Counsel & advice we can agree upon a settlement, we [illegible] get time to come here to arrange the necessary papers.

My own health will not permit me to [illegible] & to be [illegible] for some time yet.

I believe it [illegible] [illegible] to our mutual [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] wrong they can appear & thus delay the final settlement of your own part is likely to be [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nothing to gain by being [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] to you at a [illegible]. I have always [illegible] you [illegible] and [illegible]. And it is my intention to continue the [illegible]

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Office Sixth Ave. R.R. Co.
March 14th 18[illegible]

Jas. Mulholland Esq.
Sir,

The time I spoke to you abt. & proposed to sell you one of [illegible] Patent [illegible] disposed of [illegible] & [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] I [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a Contract [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the Patent per Car at the price you [illegible] by you the Car. We can make such a Contract [illegible] [illegible] Cars [illegible] hereafter for the right to use all our [illegible] [illegible] on our [illegible] & other [illegible] [illegible] at a fixed price. The present arrangement can be cancelled, & whatever [illegible] [illegible] paid [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the Payment for the above right &c.

We sh[illegible] like to buy a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 10 or 12 tons of your [illegible] [illegible] & get you to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the Course of a mo. or so; [illegible] you help me to [illegible] a [illegible] plan [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]! I have been Confined to my [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] for 2 mos. but hope soon to be out.

We want the locomotive [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] & [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Your Most [illegible] & Obt. Svt. [illegible]

Sacramento June 19. 1851

Wm G Dall Esq
Dear Sir,

The C. A. Co. have 2 Rocky Bar Co. Mess. 24 hours by 4 p.m. & Stock 2 R.R. in. 7500 f. stone f. 250 f. sent in one & 1000. Cubic 2 Mess. 2 sat. at 4 Mo. Cubic Mess 21. in. f. 5100. Stock & all Secretary to get Dec. & Rock & Mess & Mr Cy: I refund you for the sent & in Mo. a the 21. Rock cutter as I have sent the original sent last week. but I recollect my mind.

I have refused a Rocky Bar Co. 2 days sent. Stock Mess. Rock cutter is doing no good, & last week I myself saw him & Mr Rock cutter. Effect paid refunded from 2 Effect already. I have notice of Mr resolution & Mess, & do a get them Mess. this to Mr Effect for 2 - 3 days Mess they & pay on Right & the Mess expect

I am Very Respectfully

Geo W Crocker

Carrollton Pa. Mar. 20 1851

To Chas. W. Morgan
Esq.

Yours of the 17th inst. to us
had written with interest. But as today will
lay Mail the Postponement I owe to you last
for, relative to transferring [illegible] for a Vessel
heard from & going [illegible] to Quebec or be detained
with any pleasant Wind blowing to Quebec I write
from time. Viz. Mail the [illegible] R.R. Co. will
transport the Mail, & 3? hours from any point
we shall be [illegible] between Bangor & Albany, for the
half [illegible] or pleasant Weather, & the Steam Boat
will [illegible] Mail in from Boat [illegible] of Bangor
& Hampton, may leave between the above date and
November 1st Next.

Both Steamers & Cars of your Company
belong [illegible] & [illegible] upon. I will enquire into
& think the Postal Charge is high.

We are getting on finely with our Lights
Hope to [illegible] we shall be pleased to supply you
with the Most Improved Apparatus. Keep cool. I hope
you will be happy to see it finely.

Yours Most Truly & Obt. Svt.

Wm H. Swanton Pres
C.P.R.R.Co.

Scituate April 3d 1851.

Hon A. H. Hollenback Esq

Dr Sir.

Yours of Yesterday is rec'd I will send you the Interest allowed by Town since me a Statement of the amt for the year in favor of Town & send to Mr Foster. on account of which I will remit the amt. to you.

I thank you for the kind & warm interest expressed for the recovery of my health I feel that I am improving & hope soon to be about again I shall endeavour to be grateful during whatever term a kind Providence may grant me here & hope & trust the world may be some better for my having been in it!

And am sure on the subject of the Hollenback & Wyoming Rail Roads, that prospect grows more & more flattering daily: if we were to take entirely a selfish view of the Railroad improvement as Mr Upson &c. it will & must ground the ground of our village & other interest which I do. Know. And it will be every thing to us & to Hollenback. It will keep you right & keep you growing. but we must not allow our selves & Hollenback any narrow policy. we are friends neighbours & brethren & any great Common interest & the Railroads of this N. with the Wyoming Valley are [illegible]

me. this Road will become very Many, we are pleased to hear that so great a feeling prevails generally among your Citizens' but My Dear Sir Allow me to say that much will depend when you are Carrying out this Enterprise! You are Looked to - Your Many & powerful influence Exerted in the right Side will Secure it at once. Pardon me for urging You to Engage in this Project, with your whole heart, and a Liberal Share of your untold Means -

Our Hands are full. All our Sons Connected with us are Largely interested in great Projects, but Cheerfully they will help this Project, and Here upon that we can get from our Co. a Subscription of $50.000, no Exertion Shall be Spared on our part to Keep it through! I think a good Line can be had & one we may Stock & Make, much less perhaps than most persons suppose will the County are aware of. I Write the Secretary act & he now Says that the Legislature has just Set for Board & it can be, I do suggest that you Call on Mr Nicholson & Start this matter immediately! It will help the Cause very much. Let you hear from me for it! We shall Shortly get a Convention with Mr. Cobb Gov & Sec. U.S. Treasury Department but then is a Plan to Make a Connection with the Tennessee & Alabama R.R. with the Georgia Road & Mr Cobb & Mr Meriwether Selma Ala & Mr Gov. Gayle Mr Porter & Mr Kenan, Mr Walker I have had the pleasure of a long Time, but have not seen him for many

Mrs. about [illegible] got further of the
Salmon with the [illegible] If you
will look on the Map of Pa. you will see that 12 Mls
below Easton & upon Delaware River. A Gd Road leads
a good distance on each side of the Lehigh directly out of the
Town of Phil.a but Make a turn a mile from the Bridge
at Hamptown. Turning down Long Lane, & you will see
that from 37 to 40 Miles & more down, the Ground is
surrounded for a Point in the Road. I have travelled
each Road. I do not know which
is the best
if they can be procured will be an
object. To come that way, Mrs. Jones would
[illegible] Hamptown, & thence
[illegible]
I am [illegible]
Yours truly
Jno W. Scranton

Washington April 3rd 1837

Maj. Genl Franklin Chief Engr
Wash. St Navy Yard D.C.
Brevet in Del. & Cobb's Point N.C. Co

Sir, Believing it important to commence a Survey of the Del. & Cobb's Point Harbour, I am directed to command that a party of Officers under the Mr Neill who has been in Our Employ now Three years, be a Party well qualified & Carefully Organized & Made the Survey. We Can afford how long enough to make a Preliminary Survey & Final location when he can be spared for hereafter.

The officers & Men Ordered to report to Lieut Stevens to proceed to Cobb's Point & Commence the Survey. If practicable to run Sections & make a Topographical Survey of the Harbour & Country adjacent. Lieut Stevens will report to you from time to time the progress of the Survey & Plans & Sections as they are completed.

I am Sir Your Most Obt Servt

Lieut Col Commanding Corps

Syracuse August 2. 1851

Hon. Solomon Hoffman
Syracuse via Oswego & Middle Port R.R.

Sir,

Believing it important that the Engineers instructed to survey a line of R. Middle Port to N.Y. should be done as speedily as the season of the year will permit, & the necessity of the determination of the Engineers, I recommend that a Party be detached from the E. Div. Canal, who has been on the Erie Middle Port (Lewiston Line) R.R. Now done the Survey, & can be soon spared from the Canal to make a preliminary Survey, by which time shall be able to determine upon the final location of the Road.

If agreeable to you that we shall proceed to commence the Survey at the Summit & recommend the Middle Route of Oswego as nearest & preferable for Steam. I will arrange for the Engineers to proceed to Oswego. Only a Small Party will be required for preliminary Survey. Please advise by early mail.

I am Sir, Your Obt. Servt. [illegible] Henderson, Engr.

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[illegible] April 7th 1851

Henry W. [illegible] Esq.
My Dear Sir,

Your kind favour [illegible] the 4th inst. is recd. I [illegible] thank you for the kind expressions for my health. [illegible] slowly, & hope [illegible] "the [illegible] [illegible] better [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] also [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible].

[illegible] my health [illegible] I [illegible] come [illegible] [illegible] next week & [illegible] [illegible] can arrange for your [illegible] & [illegible] other matters of [illegible] & [illegible]

Our families are well [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] family.

I am very truly yours, [illegible]

Scranton. April 8th 1851

Mr. Millholland Esq
Sir.

The Enclosed agreement I have executed please to return to me & I will deliver you the Copy I will deed you $200. on the arrival of our funds which will be in May next. In the mean time you can send me a receipt & will also send. Check for the first Payt in Empire & I & P. Rds for the Bal. the R. all will be made Payable to you please write by return mail. I am happy to learn that a Road has been made for a Locomotive path to Q. & hope it will give you additional [illegible]. I hope no doubt you will see that it is all made right & work well.

I am going to Talk with you further in the Subject of the Things by &c.

In great haste for the mail.

I am very truly Yr friend

Wm. M. Scranton

1881

I am happy to hear the Lord mercifully is to
have helped. I am glad that you were the
Lord to Arnold.

[illegible]

Can get home. My health continues to
improve. I am more easily in the office, and
hope soon to get out a long letter to
[illegible] & A.M. Glad you keep it and to take
in the news. Best of love. Always Yours
L Lewis

write [illegible] to [illegible] and the
rest. I am Yours
[illegible]

Office of Engr. York R.R. Co.
Harrisburg April 6 1851.

Messrs. Henry Pettis.
Hart.

Please state on what terms you will
sell York R.R. Iron as per bills. (March Saunders
Mutt.) via Del. & Hudson Canal. Wilkesbarre, Pa. Henry
St. N.Y.) for Stanley - we can then see if it be to any
of R.R. - Please inform me how many tons can
be delivered & also what you will charge us for
25 Lbs. Car wheels & axles. ie. 100 wheels. 50 axles. &
Castings. Pat. to follow, after time for the first shipping. &c.
at Belmont! for 6 ft. gauge! & take the gauge
wheels as. 50 & 75. (4 wheel? Car? Car. as the Canal
Co. & what? but if on the Hudson &
Delaware that number!

With Sentiments of Respect I am
Very Truly Yours

Wm. McCreath Engr

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[illegible] April 9 18[illegible]

[illegible] Esq.

[illegible] Sir,

Yours of the 7th Enclosing the Agreement with [illegible] Co. for the Engine [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] the [illegible] of any [illegible] in the Matter of [illegible] (not [illegible] to give us the title to the Engine until the paper is [illegible] & [illegible] the [illegible] of the Co. affixed to the paper. I have Concluded to Change the Matter of [illegible], hoping that it may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for they are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. the [illegible] Co. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] given a Note. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Co. with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or any other Co. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Engine [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] now I think after [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Allentown Pa. April 11. 183

[illegible] Esq
[illegible]

Sir.

We shall return [illegible] tomorrow night
P. M. & Monday Morning from [illegible] Reston. we shall
[illegible] on the Mountain on Monday. but I send
[illegible] before leaving the [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] work is of [illegible]. to
[illegible] $ M. Hoff on P. B. [illegible] Esq. 60 days.
[illegible] for [illegible] the interest for 60 days if
[illegible] & make the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] send you on ch. on B. Bk. for $195 also
[illegible] for. Ephrata. & Book. - [illegible] which
[illegible] Cash [illegible]

It is nearly time for the Mail. & I have
[illegible] any thing further, only let
[illegible] Esq. know that I accept his [illegible] 25 Cts.
[illegible] details if you can arrange them & I will
[illegible] him down particularly in a day or two. O Keck
[illegible] Cash [illegible] Saturday or Monday in Jt
[illegible]

Yours truly & Sincerely

[illegible] Lautin

Scranton April 14th 1851.

Colonel Wells Esq. Pres.

Dear Sir...

Yours of the 13th inst is all noticed & my health continues to improve for which I am thankful & for the last week I shall feel safe in leaving for N.Y. next Monday Morning. I think there is hardly a doubt but my Brother Jim on Tuesday night next week, (the 22d.) So that if agreeable & convenient you will please arrange to have our Directors together on Wednesday. I shall be pleased to see them all. Perhaps I may be able to represent our new Directors & trust that it will be satisfactory to you all. We are using a good deal of money. Let us economize & work with it. You & Mr Dodge & Mr Miller & Griffin in particular will be called. Hope when we Commence to run the Engines on the Scranton Railroad. I shall get a good load & I am guaranteed to get there with the grading & masonry for 5 cents to W. Pann all way by the track; but do not say that we do not owe anything for this road; but this shall not carry us there, carry & work any pecuniary embarrassment. When it may be concluded by all that when the R.R. are ready for the track, we have enough to get the track on it. & to buy the Cars & Engines that Coryell & we shall be able to meet the latter Obligations, as early as we can. Now, will be Hard; if we are not keen Obliged to use "near 50 m. of our bonds" in the U.S. we shall now be in very Comfortable circumstances, & the Bal of Instalments shall fully Come due to our Corporate

Calculated ... we have Expenditure to date in excess of Rec. $1½ M.
on the Montreal Bonds. + for $5 a ton on Rails we
exchange (which we subscribe for) Erie Co.) all of which
I have to pay relieves them. + N.P. have the last word
to do. Chas. + Wills, Completion, they have furnished all the
cash for Bridges, for Cars, Cash. Coal, + large Advances on
Securities + have given their Notes for. Tracklaying, for Shops,
Stations, Locomotives, + a large part of Expenditure for Coal Cars,
paying the Expenses of Opening the Coal Mines, making Cars
the latter, Scales, for &c. + other Items of C + E. the No. on
these Two List is Legion. + all Urgent! Since my Return
I have been Obliged to give up trying to keep the run of our
Current Matters in detail. but I suppose we owe N.P.
$50.000. at least. + likely more. on the Completion of the
Contracts. Then the whole of Ps against us will be over
$80,000. which must of course be Indebtedness to B. + R. + C.
We are now far advanced towards 42nd Street.
We have now 300 Less men than last year, + shall let off
200 more next mo! our Expenses will be less in this month
but will increase in Others. for fencing, Paying for right of
way, increase Prices in Shops, in Coal, + Tracklaying + C.
+ the Monthly Pay" will be Heavy Expenses. Then the Seasons.
I trust we shall be able when we all come to Town next
week to make Some arrangement for funds for immediate use
(Some to Selling in Bonds) but will be not difficult to carry
out. I know Mr Blair has felt a little nervous. not from fear
of Inability to pay them, but fearing only that it might not be in
time to maintain unimpaired the high Standing of his position
at — to us the Bank of all Banks. it is our duty + our interest
to take Care of that P.R. as we have not + Can always have
it. the whole of it. to our Credit as we please —

Chicago, Dec. 1st 1898.

My dear Mr. Ford,

I am sorry to have to write you that I have been unable to get away from here as yet, but I hope to be able to leave here on Monday night, and will be with you on Tuesday morning. I am very much disappointed myself at not being able to get away before, but I have been kept here by matters of business which I could not control, and which I am sure you will understand.

I am very much pleased to hear that you have been successful in securing the Opera House for the Concert, and I am sure that it will be a success. I have been very busy with the Programme, and have had a number of artists under consideration, but I have not yet definitely decided upon any of them. I am very much in favor of having Miss Nordica, and I think that I can secure her, but I have not yet heard from her definitely. I am also very much in favor of having Mr. Campanari, and I think that I can secure him, but I have not yet heard from him definitely. I am also very much in favor of having Mr. Dufriche, and I think that I can secure him, but I have not yet heard from him definitely. I am also very much in favor of having Mr. Dufriche, and I think that I can secure him, but I have not yet heard from him definitely.

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I think we [illegible] the sum of $8,000, for [illegible] Middle[illegible]
same.

I [illegible] Mr Pond, relative to the Iron
Cannot [illegible] ability being so bad, but am also
[illegible]tenation [illegible] that there cannot be many
[illegible] bars [illegible] to let them go on with their test
take back [illegible] that break, altho they will infer
bars that do not break, I wd like to go up to H. with
Dodge & Snyder to see this test, & wd like to try some
[illegible]s of English Iron such as they now have been using for years
[illegible] the same test; I think we shd not stand them in so
unfavourable a light, but this matter had not better be en-
tered at. If we adopt this test it shd not be named
until we are on the ground, & then haight for the bars [illegible]
upon [illegible] Iron, as I believe if they are [illegible]
make a Company they wd please to test the Case, - there is
in my opinion no fear of laying that Iron. I dont believe
[illegible] do bars will ever break in the track, & by putting in
one or 2 Extra ties, it wd ensure its safety; for which
extra Cost of 2 ties & Spikes, rather than to have any
trouble with Mr P. in his [illegible] we wd agree to pay.

In gt. haste I am [illegible] yours &
Obt. St.

Geo W. Scranton Genl. Agt.

1905

Office Leeds Farf R R Co
April 15th 1851

Wm D. Phelps Esqr Pres
Dr Sir

We have a Strike on our line. commenced at Factoryville this morning. men all turned off for a Dollar a day. it will of Course go thro' [illegible]. Jones has just Come from Factoryville, he thinks if we Co pay them off at once & show no anxiety about the matter going on they will all Come to work again in a few days. but I am of opinion we had better meet it & raise the pay. we have not the means nor Cannot get it for a week yet. [illegible] East. the Pioneer Starter this Morning for New Milford to Commence laying & will work as down there as Slow as possible. till the funds arrive. I have expected this Strike. the men Can see the fall [illegible] & they Can & do find out the Calculations of the Co. relative to Opening a R. R. & they think rather than have the work delayed the Co will increase the day. we Shall loose more by having the men idle & wish all Steps for 3 or 4 weeks. with our foreman Engineers. Surveyors & Assistants keeping teams &c. than we gain. even if we succeeding in forcing them in again at $1— I have instructed Jones to go right back to Factoryville. & if he Can make 95c work to it. if not pay them even then I have some fears Several they are all getting into Spruce. that they will not go to work till they get them last mo' pay.

Philadelphia Sept. 18th 1791

Dear Sir

My time is wholly engaged this morning. Mrs. Ellsworth
and Mrs. Bullock dine with me to day, & I must
therefore be at home. I have not been well, for
several days past, & am now confined to my room
with a cold. If you will call on me, I will endeavour
to see you, after dinner, or at any other time
you please. I am Dear Sir Your most obedient
Servant

It is extremely mortifying to have such scenes
occur. & Still more so to feel obliged to yield to
unreasonable demands. in this particular way.
I will write again tomorrow. & hope that matters
may settle down more quiet, than to day.
in the mean time I am
very Resp. Your Obt Sr
Geo W Lecaster

Orrville April. 15. 1851.

Messrs Rogers Ketchum & Grosvenor

Gent.

We are now altering the Locomotive
[illegible] was formerly used on the Cay. & Fea. R.R. & letting
[illegible] out to Coal gauge. to Complete which we want
[illegible] instructions from you.

We have by Express a Copy. Contract Drawings
[illegible] & Patterns. with them particular directions [illegible] Tried
[illegible] to each Separate piece. which we wish you to
[illegible] as soon as possible. if the flanges on Cylinder
[illegible] &c. be to defective to be safe put on a new one.
We want a new Smoke pipe. & Stacker. Complete.
[illegible] which we will make bear to suit the Stacker & Boiler
[illegible] Engine is a small one will weigh abt. 12 tons.
[illegible] 1 pr. Drivers. Consequently the Coal purchased
[illegible] Pipe the Tender Compared. the height
[illegible] may be the usual ordinary. we shall have
[illegible] Clear for the track. to Cut of the 3½ yrs. &
[illegible] Trees.

We also want a Scale & Lever. for the Safety
[illegible] Valve. Diameter of Valve 3¾ in.

Also a pair Steam Whistle the wheels of which
[illegible] shall feel Obliged to you to have Completed & Shipped
Scranton & Platt. via Scranton & Erie R.R. to Narrowsburg.
[illegible] with advice of Shipment. & Bill in the Course of time.

Most Respt. Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Scranton Secy.

Sumter Pa Apr 24 1851

W A Addison

Millersville Lancast Co

Dear Sir,

I am directed by my brother George W Scranton that he will prefer you to defer getting out the Oak Stuff for the Pier for a few days as the lengths of some of the timber may have to be changed somewhat. I am also requested by you that in order to make it an inducement for you to work hard he will make you a present of One Hundred Dollars ($100) if you can get the Timber ready in sixty days for the St Road bridge. You will also bear in mind the importance of having sound timber & of the full size of the bill. Please write about once a week how fast you are getting along. You should notify Wilkinsburg when you want the cars to transport the timber to St Road. Yours Respy

J Scranton

for Scranton Bro & Co

Chicago, Feb. 24th 1874

Miss Nellie Sheppard
Keene
N.H.

Dear Nellie

You wrote that you
were going to write me
if I would promise not to
show it to anybody
else. I will keep
my promise
and not show it
to anybody
else.

Yours truly
Albert Sheppard

Stroudsburg Pa. Jan 24. 1851

Miss Ada M Black Yours

Wellsville New York

Dear

I received your letter of the 17th, with informing me that you had accepted my proposition made to Mr Austin for the Stroudsburg Bridge. I am glad to know that you have taken hold of it. Such assistance cannot I wrote to Mr Austin to day to defer for a few days the putting out of the oak stuff for the piers as the height may have to be changed

Advise me when you want any funds which will be promptly supplied. See that your timber is sound & full size & write me often.

In partnership

Jacob Shaw Jun

Geo N Stroudsburg Bridge

by J. Shaw Jun

Worcester Ma May 5/15

Messrs Asa M. Whitcomb
Valley Hill Steuben
Oneida Co
New York

Gentlemen Yours of the
28th ult is at hand noticing —
Mr Reed on Pine St Boulder will
call on you Monday or Tuesday
next at your counter. In the mean time we
suggest that you put out bulletin of the Rock
Lake quantity. Than it is so arranged
that it may be inspected without incon-
venience so as to facilitate the business —
Mr Reed will then state to you any alteration
made in the bill if any there are & by your
order will please to know that you are ready to
ship the stock bill when then named boats for the
work

Yours respectfully
[illegible]

Worcester Mass Aug 17th

Messrs. Asa M. White & Son

Willow Falls Mass

Gent

Sir I have received by Mr Jno Reed one Bridge bucket to which I take a look at the trade you are getting out for the Mill Pond & if you can give any information concerning the bucket that is required —

I am Gentlemen

Yours Respectfully

Office Lack. & Hudson R. R. Co.
Scranton June 28th 1851.

Mr. Storey & Wales
Gent.

Yours of the 13th inst is at hand. We will accept your proposition to make & deliver to Piermont One hundred Coal Cars, for the Number One Seventy five dollars each. Pay't 6 mo's after delivery in Satisfactory Notes with interest added. The Cars to be made of best Materials & in Workmanlike Manner, & agreeable to design given & them to Mr Storey at their place. Each Car to be Carefully weighed & Marked. and Painted with Ohio Mineral or Coal Tar, the whole Number to be delivered Previous to Sept 20th next. We reserve the right to furnish the Axles agreeable & Wheel under Boarding Irons by Mr Storey, and we give the latter the privilege to dispose the Wheels to any point North of & a price not Exceeding the Cost (del'd at Hawleys) of the Whitney Wheels. You propose to furnish.

We are not able to day to say what we can do in the way of disposing the Wheels or Axles but can determine precisely what we can do in a few days. will inform you by Mail. If we furnish the Wheels & Axles, we can assume all risk of & then quality. The Castings you speak of should be furnished from a Pattern. Hoping you Contract may be Consummated.

Yours very Truly &c &c

Lack & Scranton Railroad Co

Office Lock & Harlem R.R. Co.
Harlem Nov 20th 51

Mr Nelson Hunt
Rochester N.Y.

Dr Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the
Receipt of your favor of the 15th Inst. and
I was about to write you a week ago after the Arrival of
the Steamer Asia, but was prevented by my
being taken sick with Illness. Mr. Upham of Hartford
the Agent of Rochester came to me very Anxious, at the
Cost of Upham to have it Contracted to the Harlem shops, it
is 13 or 14 m. of Rochester. but if you Hold Reserve it
then we will Build it. We should Like the Cars
Green in the Trunk Shall not have any Ornaments
for Packing. the Quality will be Excellent there
will be no Mistake all Wood. the Shade for the 2 & 3 Windows
Can Made by the same Machine as those, and
the Seats will not differ Materially all Wood from
that I Make to You. We have Hopes to get the Rest
Cars Here. You Can rely on getting a Supply for the
Cars Built for Ottawa. I think we Shall Come down
some time to See you, in the Summer. We can Carry
back from Here Cars Like the Early Complete to Day
the Locomotive on it Hauled down last Week in 2 & 2 Hours
Take us on Morning Train & Return the Same
Day more. I should like to hear from you Shortly if the Road Could
Conclude to Run Cars

Yours Truly

Scranton June 23. 1851

[illegible] Esq

Dr Sir.

I feel very anxious to hear [f]avourable accounts from the Bed. Seeming [illegible] that the quality of the [illegible] is only middling [illegible] [illegible] of going to the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of doing good there [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to go [illegible] for them! Some of us will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] to come [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] fast. I have no doubt you are [illegible] all in your power to drive the work, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one or two teams from to [illegible] I wd. recommend that when you [illegible] [illegible] that you give the Charge of the [illegible] to Capt Ashley & keep a general Superintendence of all the quarries, teams & operations of [illegible] [illegible] all the economy you can in every department. If [illegible] [illegible] be got fast enough by daylight I wd [illegible] the [illegible]. Moonlight nights [illegible] to drive it up to the best advantage. [illegible] is currently predicted that the [illegible] will be a very [illegible] [illegible], the Croaker must be disappointed!

[I] wd like to hear from you often. You can send [illegible] anywhere & every where after teams, or any thing else wanted: try to make every thing work along smoothly, without any collision with [illegible] R. Roads or any body else. I think you can manage all this.

Truly Yours

[illegible]

Steuben June 23d 1834

Mr Hastings

Sir

I received your letter of the 19th inst & will
be there on Monday next with the Books of Roads & the Papers relative thereto
& the Books taken out by the Sheriff from Steuben
when I was there last. I am Sir very
resp. Your Obt Servt

Hartford Jan 24 1881

$180 At Sight pay to the order of Wm. Nov.
Hollenbeck Esq Three Hundred and [illegible] Dollars
being amount of ten years interest from Apl 1 1881 to Apl 1 1891
on the balance of purchase money ($3000) due by me to the
late Old Forge [illegible] as per note for said balance

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Head of N. R. R. C.

Allentown. June 30 '71

Messrs. Coe & Co.
Griffin

I have rec'd
your favor of 28th Inst. Enclosing
Sight Draft for $1,000 on Jas. G. Blaine
Esq. Treas. of the Memphis & Ohio R. R.
Co. which please find enclosed
Receipt. Yours &c.

Geo. M. Coe Agent for

Dear Sir.

I am happy to inform you that my health is improving fast. I have not felt better for years than at the present day. I took cold
a few days after I arrived home. I am engaged in completing
my plan & put it in shape to bring before
the Legislature next winter. Every thing is going on
well. Our Centennial Exhibition is a great success. Some of
the most prominent men in the State of Pennsylvania
are connected with it. The Legislature will
adjourn about the 1st. The Centennial Grounds
surround the Fairmount Park and are connected with it.

the Lees for the work are being now distributed along the line of the work. we are sending forward this to the Head of the Embankment to go up to St. Paul, which Commences Carrying Work on the East the last of this Month. we have gone up to the Red River. I expect to go there myself next week in 10 or 15 days. & will then proceed. we have to collect from those who owe money in that place to pay. that will then be remitted on Money to collect from us the Land. Jas is Engaged with a good deal Cleaning out Cattle Stables. C.C. & preparing the Road. the Other Rawlins Bros. Chas. Wells. Comm. Lees &c for the Work Engage - Mason & Wood Troops. we Work Commence Carrying Out Mason. in 10 or 12 Days. The Abutement & Wing Walls of the 1st Span. will be up by the 8 or 10th July. so that the Builders can then go on, & by the time that is the 2d Span is to be ready. the grade in New Wickfield Valley will all be Clear away Except two Cuts. which will require 6 or 7 weeks yet. then can run the Road. we are getting on well with our Land Surveys. have no plan at present for Cars. Office and Passenger - we getting on well with our Work for Cars. when I get to the Red I shall be better able to judge of the time it will require to Complete that Line.

I will then give you my opinion. Let our Co. Can
not attend but we think have two full Co
of Cav & Rangers to Offerds in right time.
with best wishes to all as friends
I am Ready to Say Truly Yr pard
Edw Wm Cooke

Office Lack'a & Western R.R. Co
Scranton July 5, 1851

James S. Cox Esq.
Dear Sir.

Your favr. of 19th June is rec'd
all noticed. I am sorry that I have to say, de
cisively & decidedly. We will accept the terms of
the lease, in advance, for Coal as delivery of the
Cars. balance at 4 & 6 mos. Enclosed please find
Scranton & Waltz Check for twelve Hundred Dollars
on the Bank of [illegible] July 5th which please acknowl
edge rec'd of us of Coal Cars to be del'd at
Pleasant for L & W. R.R. Co as per agreement
Please write to me often & inform me the prospect
for Cars, & how you get along — how many you
have from Mt. Pleasant by Sept 15 & 20th if he Can you
make them not small & poor [illegible] Send for Mr.
Smith on 15. I do not hesitate to say that our Co
will make you from advances on the Contract
[illegible].

I am truly & very Yours

[illegible]

Office Lack.a & Wester R.R.
Scranton Pa. July 7th 1851

Gaddis H. Foster Esq
Sir.

I notice that you advertise for
R.R Spikes. If so can supply Scranton & Hyde
are making Spikes for our Road, fearing that they may
not keep up with our work, I shall be pleased to
know what kind you can supply us with from
time to time. Also what Spikes the quality to be
made from & from Scrap, Cold Short &c and at
what prices, the same to be filled during the Month of July,
Awaiting to hear from you I remain

Yours &c
W. W. Scranton Esq

Office Sec'y of Mass. Bay
Boston July 9. 1777

Dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 2d of June acquainting you of the Orders & Resolves of Congress which we have not had the pleasure to hear from you. We shall soon be ready to ship off the Cartridge paper we have made, we shall be glad you can inform us what Sort will suit you best!

The Convention troops are still in this Government. Nothing can exceed the Pride & Insolence of the Officers & Soldiers, they are all Gentlemen & will not work, but of the 5000 there are 1000 Artificers, they can be got from them, you may write for them if wanting. We shall be glad to hear from you & to receive your Orders. We have Orders from the Board of War, to raise Provisions & to have Stores & Provisions to be in readiness for the Army, for Reinforcing any of your Posts.

We wish you Every Happiness & Success in your Office —
Pray let us hear from you often
I am Dear Sir Your Friend & Humble Servt

Jno. Winthrop Secy

Office Sack.a & Mexican R.R. Co
Scranton Pa July 11th 1857

D. Mc Leish Esq

Dear Sir Yours of the 6th inst is duly
received. I had expected to see you here at the
Board on Tuesday last, but not you have money.
which is the reason you have not heard from us
I shall now be here on Tuesday next & will
bring you $200. which you need. You can
rely on my doing it. I have made such arrangements
as will I think enable Carr Hemphill & Co to meet
their next. am pleased to hear to [illegible] of all
in Canada. Relative to the respective tenders I will
prefer them personally when we meet.

Very Respy Your Obt Servt

Wm. M. Scranton
Secy &c

Office Lack. & Western R. R.
Scranton Pa. July 11. 1851.

Chief Engr. Lackawanna & Western

Sir.

Yours of the 9th is this moment rec'd. This leads me to ask if we are to have the use of Morton's Transit during the time you have with the D. & H. Surveys going on at Reading. The Maps have been sent to the Post Office at Easton and will be there on the 14th inst. Road C. No. 2. is safe off on the Maps which we have completed. No. 1 which is the road Ranks is done. We shall go on Reading for examinations as in the Maps.

I have not yet been to Easton to procure a Boarding House. but have put off for them. the Engineers are employed in Wyoming. Mr. Cafferata (the Assistant Engineer of the Western Road) has gone down. The Maps Profiles &c will be ready for the Meeting of the Directors. The Estimate of the Meeting the Cable in the Name of a Surveyor of Roads. Mr. Hawley which is enclosed from 12 to 15 per cent. from which we expect a great saving will be made.

I am Sir Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. H. Sellers Asst Engr

Office Lack.a & Wn. RR. Co.
Scranton Pa. July 13th 1851

Wesley H. Fuller Esq.
Sir &c

Yours of the 9th inst is rec.d. You do not say any thing abt. the quality of the Iron. If the Spike are good & will turn down clear on the Bar, what do you need flying off. You may finish us Ten Tons (10 tons) Marked L. & W. RR. to Great Bend via Erie Road. If any more Calefonia we shall be pleased to purchase from you. all that we may require. But we do not want them before 15th to 20th Augt. having purchased a small lot used on our L. & W. RR. that turned out bad. we feel particularly anxious abt. the quality. the Spike made here are very Superior. on the 15th of March you said you would not have a head of any other- as soon as you Bill is Rendered we will send you a sight Draft.

Very Respt. Yours

Geo. H. Scranton Supt.

Office Lack.a & Mich. R.R. Co
Scranton Pa. July 12. 1851

D. H. Mott Esq.
Dr Sir

Yours Esteemed favr. of the 30th
duly rec.d & noticed with much
that we are not able to [illegible]
[illegible] of other matters
in Council arrange for the
[illegible]. I Centrum 40 Cars Co[illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible] good & Clean. will burn &
form trouble to Rock & ofs. the Lehigh Coal Comes
[illegible] & Lehi which is not Known. as for Coal, as
is much like Cannelcoal. altho. as Coal it
really be Considered a better article. I have been
on my Return & I Consider [illegible] in all respects
[illegible] we have a Foundry. which Turns out 1000 tons
[illegible] per Annum. we have [illegible]
[illegible] Coal for [illegible]. we have 30 Smith fires, [illegible]
[illegible] Coal in our Locomotive. we do not use
[illegible] Coal in [illegible] we have had
[illegible] Locomotives [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. when I was there, [illegible]
[illegible] all the Effluent [illegible]
[illegible] Schuylkill Canal. [illegible]
[illegible] Locomotives. &c. &c. we are Carrying [illegible]

Office Quartr Master B.R.C.
Camden Pa July 11. 1814.

Lt Gregory Boerstler

Sir

Yours of the 27. I have been
[illegible] my absence. I have particularly [illegible]
and instructed a guard for the [illegible]
[illegible] Baggage. I did not know it would be
[illegible] Wagons. [illegible] Waller, and I find on
[illegible] that [illegible] had Commenced the [illegible]
[illegible] Men to Staff Cloaths, they did not receive any
[illegible] I am in readiness on Capt Ross's [illegible]
[illegible] Capt [illegible] he is Marched [illegible]
Officer in Charge, he may have Some other [illegible]
[illegible] I am Sir

Very Resp[illegible]

Wm M Lorraine Q.M.G.

Sacramento July 21. 1851

Wells Fargo & Co
Agts

Please deliver the package
my Clerk has taken & ask a receipt for
same - if Sunday use 4 Dey. Pack. sent by
N.Y. & E.R.R. Express to Ft. Bid

I have just received & the Package - enclosing the
Notes of the Matter must be sent to B. Hill
Esq of N.Y. to hold the Matter. Pay if
necessary all demands for fast work his part
claim. If they go to Ct. + an Collect of B.S.
send off on N.Y. bill of Exch
N.B. - on after 1st & one Copy Marked
for the Bank of C. Valley of Pennsylvania
in 1 to 1851 Jan - Do to left. I
send to go to the Bear Express the Hand
Notes they Receipt & Common Pay by the
Charged Express -

Send first report & you all
I am my Friends Respectfully

H. M. Newell

Co. Jr. Cable Esq. & Ward Esq.

[illegible] I shall [illegible] for [illegible] I shall go to Albion & Perry Counties [illegible]

We have not drilled for Salt Lands here, & shall Enclose a Receipt for the same to you. So that you can make the proper Entry of my Office

The Books of the Register's Office do not [illegible] the Land [illegible] Office, the Entry would be good [illegible] Act of 1820 we can [illegible] Patent [illegible] We have need it [illegible] One of the best of Men as first Register & [illegible] get the benefit of the Land

The Town Lands can be sent to me when ready [illegible]

Since writing the above I see not you had better [illegible] Act of the 18th. 5,120 for the Salt Lands which the Heads will [illegible] the Register will [illegible] Certificate

N. Connecticut has been sent to Albion to [illegible] Clerk, & duly will [illegible] Office [illegible] for each Lot sold, relative to the early Opening of the N. & the Connecting Canals [illegible]

My health [illegible] & I [illegible] to be [illegible] Yours truly

Princeton July 31. 1851.

Mr John Park.

Dear Sir.

On my return I
found our folks had removed to Cottage
in the Seminary. Mrs Green then came to
Mr Jones. As I have write to Pilgrim &
Foster. And the man made with us to
Mrs L we be no Object to him, we Can
get them all out in time. You had better
get the rest Rubber ready & have them out
from soon as possible. We write an in
Mrs Green & he will be very with to
the rest for Tuesday in Confidence
after & on going to the P. O. day.

I hope the little Engine will answer your
purpose well. I trust you will be able to
so that you will be able to the Meeting
the Pastoral Relation are necessary in order
to prevent that work. & be in time to do us any
good (as you) I know you will do all in
your power to prevent. I expect to
be with you Saturday or Monday
Yours truly

Geo Robertson

Office Lackawanna & Western R.R. Co
Scranton, Pa. July 31, 1877

Gen. Wm. Mahone,
Petersburg, Va.

Yours of the 13th inst. came duly to hand in my absence & I have just returned to Scranton, & am sorry to say, that our arrangements for Cars are not made for the season as yet from Reading & from the Ohio Valley are quite heavy, & we expect soon to receive them & can make an early reduction for you.

I expect we have made arrangements for the sale of Coal at Elmira which will be in full force by the 1st of Sept. & all your Coal we shall sell at that point is sold to your Order at the lowest possible figures, & hope you will call upon us freely & favor us & Patronize us.

Very Truly Yours

[illegible] Supt.

Hon. Baldwin Park, Jr.
Care Lackawanna & Western R.R. Co
Scranton & Wilkes Barre Pa.

Office Lockport Canal Co.
Syracuse Dec. July 31 1831.

Dear Sir,

I have just been favored with your letter of the 4th inst. I was much surprised at not receiving an answer to my letter which I addressed to you from Albany, but on my return was informed that it had been received by you. I regret that so much delay in the sale of a body of land on the line of the canal in your place. A rich vein of coal has been found in Cayuga County Coal is likely to be of great value to the Canal Boats navigating the Seneca River at the Salina, for which 3.75 per ton of 2240 lbs. is now the Syracuse market. Lots will be sold in large quantities. One of the Canal Boats will be up in a few days prepared to carry a load of Coal to you.

I am sorry to say that the Coal Co. at Lockport have not yet been able to get the canal boats to Buffalo, but they have now the canal boat in the basin at Lockport and will make the first trip to Buffalo. Their boats will be ready to receive coal by the 15th of August. My agent at Lockport will be able to give you information when you will be able to receive coal. Your letters should be addressed to Lockport, Niagara Co. N.Y. as the Post Office at Buffalo is not yet established.

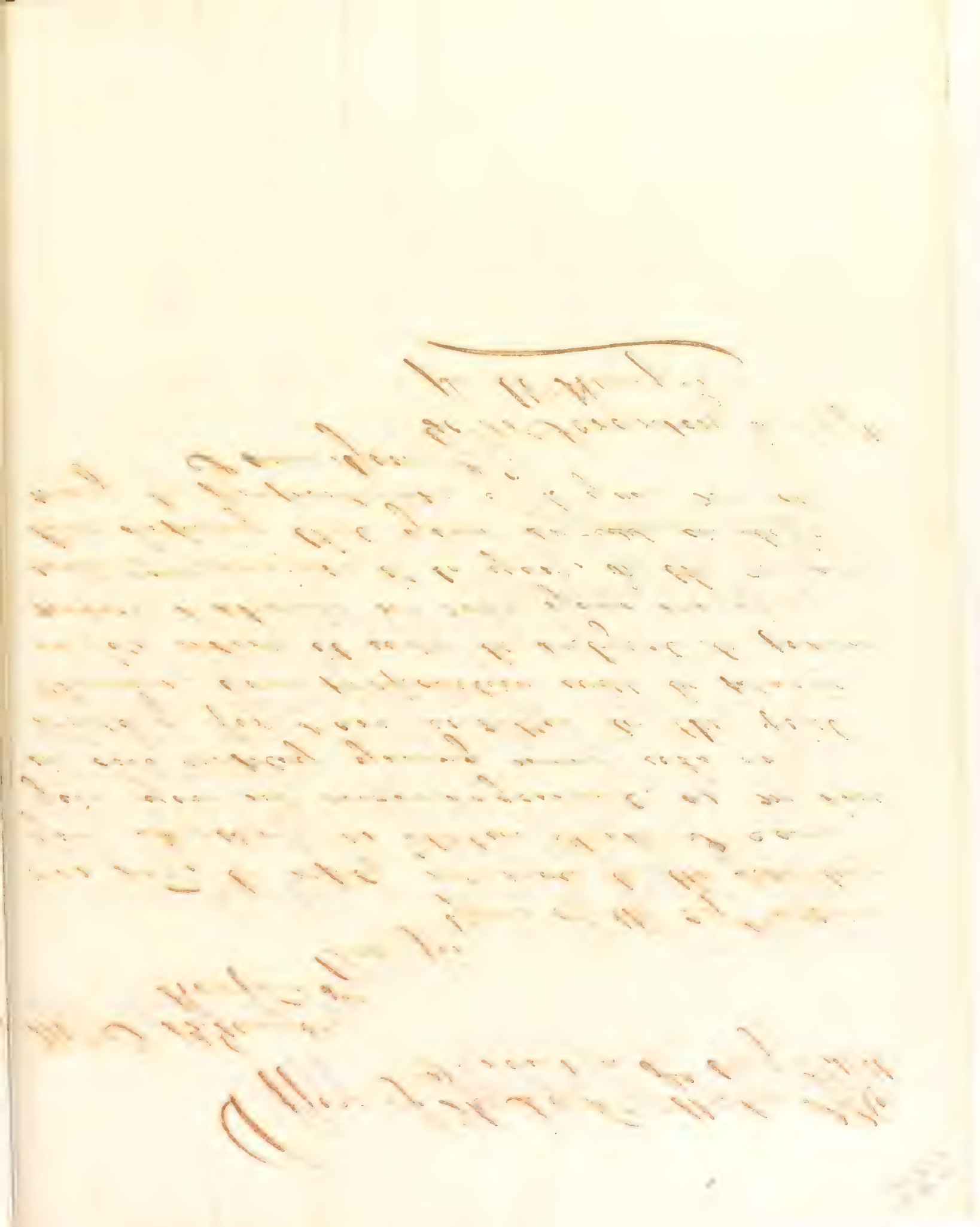
I am Dear Sir, Yours truly,

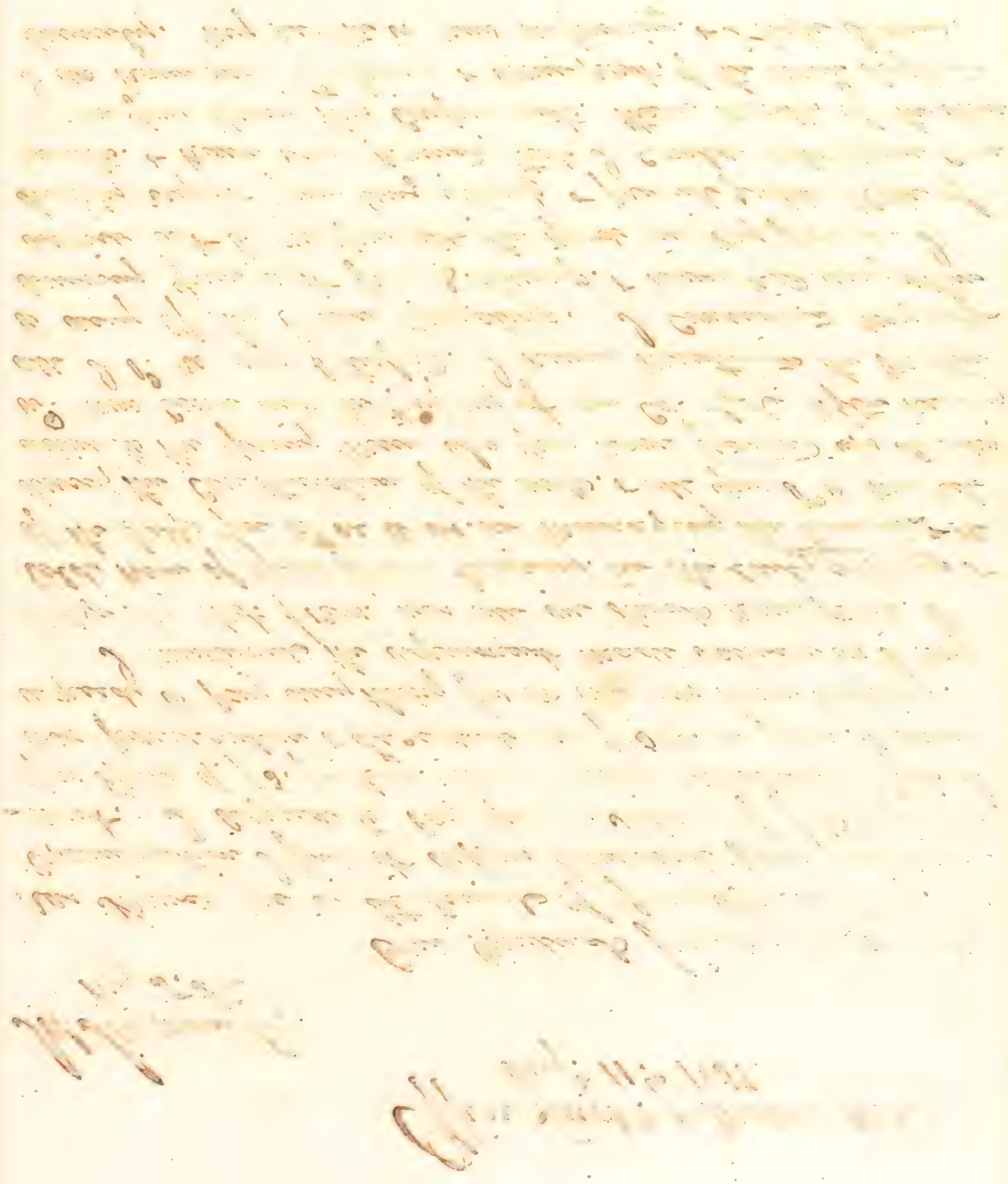
H. Forman Jun. Sec. C. Co.

Office Lack & Western R.R. Co
Scranton Pa Sept 1. 1851.

Col. Cist Esq
Sir.

Yours of the 25th ult. was duly rec.
& Contents noted. I am glad to learn that
you have [illegible] to call the Com to order & that
you made them pay. Completed a Del. in favor of C
Hoyt. You will not Lose a Moment in drawing
the Papers & sending on Promptly. & if you
can't get the Com Del by the last of
will be a great disappointment to us.
We are at this moment using a large draft of
Money here. We can Exchange for New York
at Par & can Get it for 1/2 pr. C. from
Lack. Co. at 90 days. Sight. We pay for 1000. &
Sell for One Thousand Hundred
Dollars. Thereby you Can get Del at Reading &
allow. to Ask it Shall be Cash
for you. We can not grant your request
— I shall be glad to see you here
& will pay you as long as
you. I am glad Canny
is doing
I am Dear Sir Yours
Geo. Sharpless Sec'y





Office Lack.a & Western R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Aug.t 13.th 1851

Jos. Tracy Esqr
Utica.

Dear Sir

For the past week I have been on the western End of our line. we are getting along very finely. Nothing to Name presents our Opening the Road Sept 1.st but the Susq.a Bridge. this work is now rapidly progressing & if we have no great rise of water between this & the 20.th inst. we shall complete the masonry by the 1.st day of Sept. the Span of the Bridge is now being raised & our Engineer advises me that he will not be over 12 or 15 days behind the Masonry. but under any circumstances. we shall Cross the Bridge prior to Oct 1.st Therefore you will not fail in delivering the Passenger Cars, Baggage & Coal Cars at Pt Jervis in time to get them up the road before the 1.st of Oct. we Cant Open without them, by and by we shall have Baggage Cars to ride easy. & now a word about the Coal Cars. You will confer an everlasting benifit on all Concerned by getting as many Cars by Oct 1.st every how & that you Can do & help us in this Matter now will be appreciated. we shall Ship you 40 or 50 tons of Coal the first week. the 1.st Ton we made was not satisfactory to us. but we have hit the Mark now. & are turning out the best article we ever saw. we have tested them with Magnets but ours are superior to Magnets — we intend to send you a Sample — I shall leave tomorrow for Pt Jervis & shall be happy to hear from you while at the Hotel —

Yours very truly Geo. M. Scranton

Wednesday evening 9th Oct.

Mr. McClenachan

Dear Sir

I did not leave it long as I
could help it. Mr Williams from Lisbon came this
morning & took letters with him.

My letter accompanied, they I had written Mr. Randolph &
all arrangements to copy it. Mine effectually the U. S.
Office of Disbursement Cashier now on his way to
Mexico D.C. I think from reasonably to Mr. Randolph
or Capt Wolfe to retain the money in Mr. Randolph
hands note. He did not want to take it & has the money
after the 10th for them done. Except be an accommodation
to me. I know he has & Co. will do it, & Kephart will be
accommodating to him. I got 1824 & 1825 pd. with me at
Pearl St. which I sent & got a check to Rives, & he
would not discount they do it & he did not have
taken [illegible] good to raise money. The Money is
Thrift in St. Mark & has been nearly large & the
Mortgage & he so large that I doubt if I could
by Mark [illegible] sell for it. The Mortgage
has just sent it in the Cash & will return it to you
as soon as [illegible]

Trusting that it will return from Missouri
in season, & given satisfactory to you

I am Dear Sir &c &c

Yr. Mo. Servant

Office Lake & Western R. R. Co
Sycamore Aug. 12th 1851

Hon. S. Nichols & Co. Neil
Iron Mts

Gentlemen Enclosed find of the Mr. R. R. Co's
Bills which we ask you to look over until the Estimates we are
now in possession of should find in their respective Sub. of
the permanent work. We have kept the Guilleaume Spring Wagon
busy & this Month, but have had to put on the Old Wa-
ter Scrapers. We have made a good allowance for you which
will be felt in our next Mil. Payment. We shall be making up
what will be absolutely necessary, in the Next Estimate but
being without Blasting to make, & Confining our Labors, with
many other Small Matters which in the Aggregate make up
Sums which in their Items will be felt. We discharge the
Men at Nelson before this was received, the Embankments & the
Wm Springs Road were on the Creek finishing up the work the
Men working over the Fault to Sycamore from this to Sycamore
at present the Opening, we must have a Strong force on the
Rock, Embanking & Ballasting, and a Strong force on the Road to
Nelson, & the Bridges &c. The Settlement with Mr. Nelson
Contractor of the Road & Engineer stopping the Engineer Men until
Aug. 1st in case the Line & Work will be taken off his
hands by the Co. Now Mr. Nelson & Mr Shaw have 150 Men working
Engine Men & Teams &c. in fact I pass the money to my Men
all Monthly as I took us. The Engineers Corps employed on the Road
are discharged from & after the 31st, when we cannot spare the
Instruments. Mr. Engineer is engaged to Locate the Road to Sycamore
& to have it ready for the Contractors by the 1st of Sept. next
& he knows, we take no Money. We have a Family & Home out of the

[illegible] Kennedy, the name he [illegible] on the
[illegible] & C. Mill Can now not be kept under water, we
[illegible] of Men at $2. pr day. Good & Efficient Carpenters &
[illegible] at $1.50 pr day. Sitting yards for track layers
[illegible] Cars of stones. All the Mill bottle after them all.
[illegible] Men at work on one of them a day large Rock rolled
[illegible] very large Cask of Bolts down for Sleepers
[illegible] Some peace &c. &c. about the Rain over flowing
[illegible] for the last Ten Days Some of these
[illegible] Rain very Hot they cannot get along
[illegible] Men can perceive must go on, but in all these
[illegible] can do in mind to work along Rail
[illegible] Cars. Mr. [illegible] & Hall return
[illegible] Hampton with his 2 Mules, quite out of Heart, &
[illegible] pay them home & Hall his wants as he
[illegible] Mill got any Money from
[illegible] Since writing the foregoing Mr Herron has arrived
[illegible] only Storekeeper men, did not pay a bill of any kind
[illegible] Some funds left but no Rain Some Storekeeper men
[illegible] are now paying. Mr S. says that after he left the
[illegible] found to go to work until they were paid for
[illegible] but he also learned before he left New Milford that Cobb Kelly
[illegible] got them at work again. Every Man of them paid now
[illegible] Rain we heard nothing no Economy, I can Rock Here six
[illegible] for a few days. I shall be Home tonight. Three Men
[illegible] Irish & not more than Half Herron. Otherwise Mr [illegible]
[illegible] difficulty in making them visit a month. The Cut at
[illegible] Cut (2 Miles from Lake St Rail) by the 15th of September
[illegible] will be done by Sunday or Saturday, then will be
[illegible] Men to fill loose. The Bal. by 30. with one good pre Man in
[illegible] to the Rock & grade the Station Grounds & Many Side of

Erie Canal. The young Messrs Clow call the Recorder's
Court & in a abt New Milford Mon week, & must be Enclosed.
I shall also return the Numbers in the black pamph as that con-
tains Council Book. The Record from Saturday with materials to
go on do fast. The black Copying has gone on finely & by
Thursday night they will be very near a finish & Monument & if
Co get on the Iron: Bars, Chain & Spikes fast enough to keep the
Local force well employed it will be no disadvantage to have
a the new men there for 2 or 3 weeks. Gil. hotel is doubtful
what we can do at. I shall write to Mr Clow, the
Clow 100 for you, & the other to Mr Wain, soon as you
write to us. Our Municipal Town have been chosen, & they now know
what to Council must & reform must be made We shall feel
anxious & shall Expect to hear from some of you pretty soon
today. Hope to have the views of our Municipals, rate fixed
today. We will Carry out faithfully any orders, & do
our best while we are Erecting for an early & Completion of the R. C.
possible. We hope you will all feel encouraged. That every
thing in our power shall be done & Canada has Confidence with
the least possible cost of money. I am happy that you will
judge & have been over the line & seen Eyeblain & confer
ed. what must be done & Chew. Selcom Expected to come
on Monday for Council Mr. H. but as I must be away, we
all feel that it needs just now all the Efforts of the
Work we have. We fully believe that with an able Foreman
there look at forward, & a trusty man to direct the Locks
I shall by Close reading bring our Work back into a good
state & a good Manner. Please write me at St. Thomas & let
me know what may be Expected in the way of funds, as
we are in Immediate pressure by Mr. Ogden Mr. Hamilton
Town Works left us Saturday. [illegible]

Thomas Esq
Dear Sir

I have not yet seen Mr Hall since I received your letter, but I have written to him requesting him to call upon me. I shall then converse with him upon the subject of your letter, and will write you again.

I am sorry to hear that you have been unwell, but hope that you are now quite recovered. I am very much obliged by your kind offer of assistance in the event of my being in want of money, but I am happy to say that I am not at present in any such want, and I hope that I shall not be for some time to come.

I am very much pleased with the account you give of your prospects in Canada, and I hope that you will continue to do well. I am glad to hear that you have been so successful in the sale of your property, and I hope that you will be able to realize a handsome sum by the sale of the remainder. I am sure that you will be very much pleased with the country when you have been there for some time, and I hope that you will be able to make a good deal of money there.

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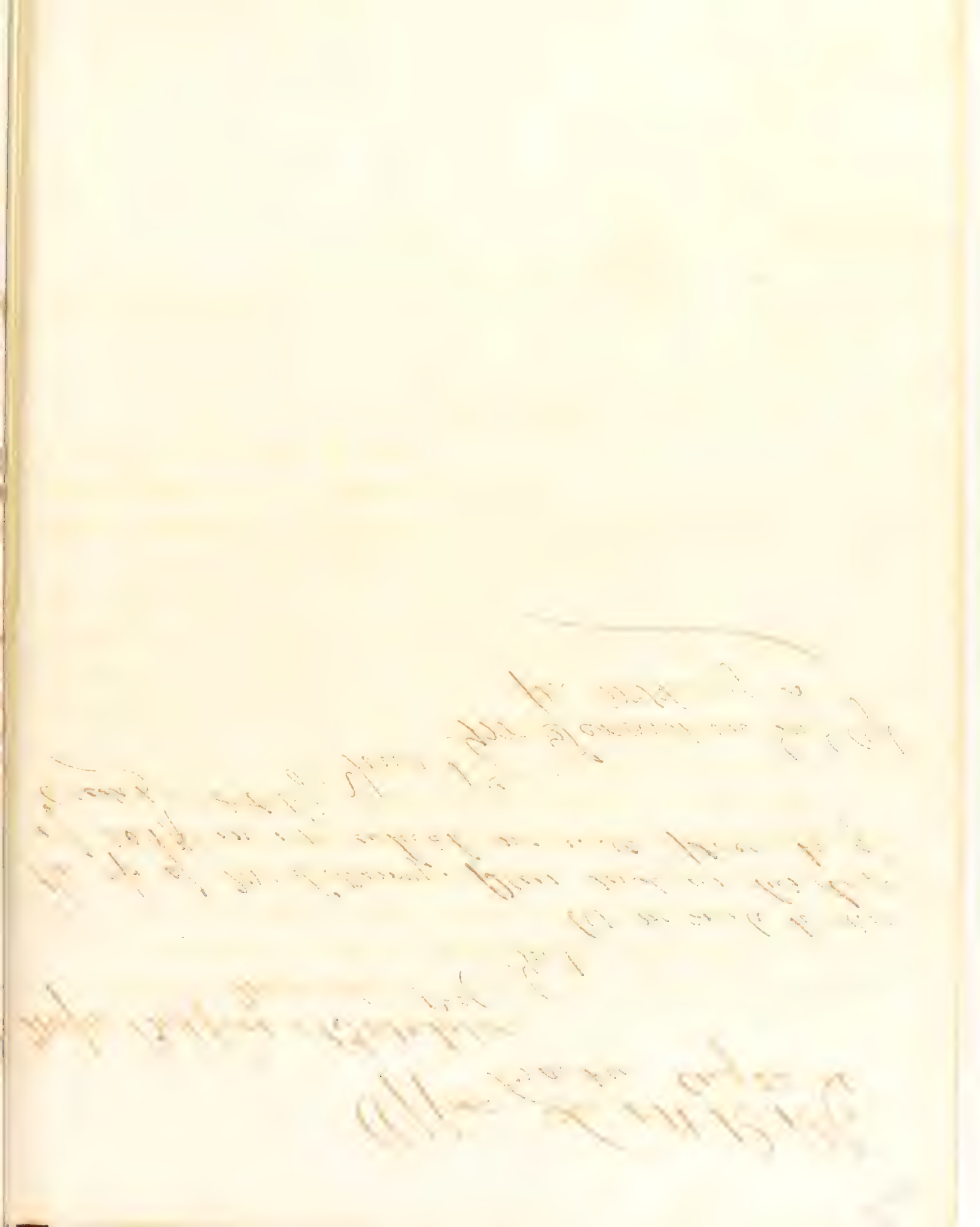
Mr. J. E. Brodnax.
Sir &c.

Your Esteemed favour of the 5th inst
is carefully noticed. But in reply I must frankly
say that I consider we are with a large number
of good faithful men who have been long in the
Penitentiary, who look up to us for deliverance & do we
believe we feel obliged to favour them in any
[illegible] we can. We have also a large number
of Applications for Pardon, some of them as you seem
have had Experience, & to some the Recommendation
given encouragement, the Governor on the Board
will be right for the 1st year or more, & but few
can will be granted. In fact we are doing
but little in them, & we have disappointed a good many
friends & shall disappoint more still, we must keep down
our Expenses to meet the times. I should be very happy
to do any thing in my power & assist as to you may
seem good, but I can only say that I can offer you
Nothing, nor give you anything encouraging for the
present year. Hoping you may be able to get Some
Body else to appreciate & you than that you are now
[illegible] as well as more profitable.

I remain

Most Resp. Your Obt Sv

Wm H Letcher Gov of Ky



Louisville, May. 24. 1877.

Friends:

I have talked with Mr. John Day (Wolfe's nephew) in reference to your right of dower and he feels disposed to accept upon any equitable suggestion I should deem it best for you. I therefore desire to arrange.

He first offered that you would [illegible] our advertising your proportion to accept $700. I regret that you declined it as the agreement, I was instructed to inform you that if you did not withdraw that offer, we unfortunately would not be willing to insist upon terms and the amount of the appraisement. You think for how: especially as you have manifested a disposition to deal fairly, honorably with them. Of course if the proposition of $700 is withdrawn the whole question will be disposed of, as if nothing had been said about the price of your dower.

If we could agree on it can probably adjust it in a small, after may [illegible] from the allotment of the land; if not we can arrange to appoint all the facts upon the amount of damages, or else two persons who shall be selected by both parties to decide for us.

Very respectfully, &c.
W. H. Nicholson

Miss Nancy Wolfe City.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 24, 1935.

Dear Mr.

I have talked with Mr. [illegible] in reference to your visit
and he feels desirous to cooperate. Any special [illegible] you
[illegible] for [illegible] I [illegible] to.

[illegible] suggested that you would [illegible] your
[illegible] a credit [illegible] and [illegible] and if [illegible],
[illegible] arranged to [illegible] you will [illegible] and [illegible] of
[illegible] would not [illegible] a small [illegible] that [illegible] amount of [illegible]
[illegible] you this [illegible]: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] personally [illegible]. If [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of your [illegible].

If you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Very respectfully,

H. [illegible], Manager

Hotel Cleveland

Office Loyd's Marine Office
Nov 1st 1827
Aug 31st 31

Lieut Col. Gl Collins
Brighton near N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Our Mr Holroyd will
on Friday and ready for operations during the
Week at Cost, not 3½ days, after we shall commence
Clearing Obstructions in Canal at Brighton please
Our Agents to make the needful arrangements
for the Erie R.R. Depot grounds & the Chairs
[illegible] The Plans last adopted for crossing
the Canal & the Iron accepted & Contract signed
by Mr Wright Engr. The last on which
[illegible] Iron Draw Bridge & Land Leads as
[illegible] but I find now that the last
[illegible] is accepted by Mr Wright
[illegible] to Collins from any
[illegible] immediately upon profile
[illegible] de by the Canal Commissioners

Our Mr Holroyd will be carrying the ground
[illegible] for the Canal from the Cross
[illegible]

If [illegible] that we can Clear & make
[illegible] Canal, cannot fail to be
[illegible]

(25)

[illegible] and signed the
[illegible]

[illegible] that you were ready. It will
be [illegible] to endeavour to get
[illegible] of the ground. Mr Lewis, Mr Eldridge & Mr
Pritchett the last mentioned Gentlemen will take
care that the Canoe Wood with you be the
[illegible]

[illegible] give your
early attention to this matter and give the
[illegible] Mr Lewis & Mr Eldridge will
render [illegible]

Enclosed are $20. which please accept as a
[illegible]
[illegible]

26 Dec.

Perhaps if you could have a personal interview with Mr Hall he might be disposed to accept my offer rather than send the boy out of [illegible]

If [illegible] would grant me the use of the [illegible] I would [illegible] the [illegible] of a Workhouse on my own [illegible]

Office Lackawanna Railroad
Scranton Pa. Sept. 9th 185

Wm. J. Phillips By Rail
Esq.

The D. L. & W. R. R. Co. have a
large [illegible] of Platform Cars. it has become
necessary to [illegible] to get [illegible] of 40. & 50
Thousand Cars for a [illegible]. in order to keep the
[illegible] running & avoid [illegible] an Opening. we shall
be able to [illegible] about 20. Cars [illegible] & shall not
like to see the platforms any longer than necessary.
Co. [illegible] Stakes. & Stand up. so as to carry 10 tons.
[illegible] of these Platform Cars. I shall be glad
to see you & Mr Dodge. Call on Mr Loder & see
[illegible] what can be done for us. we shall soon
[illegible] as can have these Cars. will you give him
a call & [illegible] & inform me what
[illegible] are willing to use the new platform
cars from [illegible]. & all we can learn from Chicago. &
[illegible] Coal till we can [illegible]. the Convenience of
unloading from these Cars is so to Check & easy as to
[illegible] sale. I have [illegible] to see A Collin. &
[illegible] in Expecting the Coal from the ground wanted at
Binghamton. Kent refused to sell less than 5 Tons. I [illegible]
[illegible] which all agree is 100 more than it cost him. to
have got the [illegible]. I have [illegible] to Mr Collin &
Mr Loder has ordered an Experiment [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] & that [illegible] Wood's [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Return [illegible]

[illegible] Resumption. if not we shall send a Messenger [illegible]
[illegible] day of Mar. week for it. We may do that even
now in order to [illegible] Mar. week, Resumption; unless a
[illegible] to the Contrary.

If Mr Scott has not already [illegible]
Spike, I want him alt. some [illegible] he need
not do it. We have on [illegible] Spike machine
now running & it work Elegant. Stay Made
4760 Lt. on the New Machine Yesterday, not [illegible]
[illegible] down to see what was the last [illegible]
was 6st. 3600 at 3d. 6 mo. to be Ship. immediately
to work Mar. Mail Co. [illegible] Can go through —
We have 118 miles of track & lay now.

I leave in the Morning for St. Paul when I shall
remain mostly [illegible] week. Mr Nicholson & Shaler
will be with me. We have called on your notice
for Dividend & every Man in Engl. Co. Mar. 20. to
Red. Appraisement [illegible] Made in Oct.

I will write to you from St Paul.

Please have the Scotts order on Mark & St. Paul
Envelope (Thin Stout paper) 1 in Each pocket. Good [illegible]
Some in Pocket.

I am Resp. [illegible]

Office Lack.a & Western R.R.Co.
Scranton Pa. Sept. 9th 1851.

Wm. Sickels Esqr
Jersey City.

Dear Sir.

We confidently expect to have
our R.R. opened for business on or about the 1st of Oct
& shall Commence delivering Coal at Binghamton
immediately thereafter. We will sell & deliver
on board of your boats, in Oct. & November next.
(provided you have your boats at the Locks) five —
Hundred or One Thousand tons (of 2240 lbs) of the
best Lack.a Anthracite Coal, for Two Dollars and
Twenty five Cents per Ton, Cash on delivery.

This price Contemplates that you take this Coal
at Utica, or in that Neighborhood, for all the Coal
from here 20 Miles this side of Utica, we shall
charge you twenty Cents per ton additional. Making
$3.15. per ton. We guarantee the delivery of the
above Coal at Weber. Extraordinary Casualties only
excepted.

Very Respt. Your Obt. Svt

Geo. W. Scranton Gen.l Agt

Office of Chief Engineer, M.V.R.R.
Cleveland, Ohio, April 9th 1857.

Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee of the
Mad River & Lake Erie R.R. Co. have
this day elected you Chief Engineer of
said Company, at a salary of [illegible]
per annum, to take effect from the
1st inst. You will please report
yourself to the Board of Directors
at their meeting on the 15th inst.
at Sandusky City.

Very Truly Yours &c

[illegible]

Offices Lack.ª & Western R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa Sept 9. 1857

Col Archbald Gen.l
Sir

We have Contracted & Commenced at Binghampton. & Jeffersonville. and Wish to be Pleased to get a Man accustomed to building Wheels. Can you furnish us such a Man: I understand Mr Whittle built the Schools at Wyoming. I know him & Wish to be Pleased to get him. If you Can in the Course of your Cars send us a good and Competent Man I shall consider myself under Renewed Obligations to you. we want the Man in 6 or 8 days. -

I am very Truly Yours Obt Servt

Jas M. Scranton Engr

Mr. Wm. Lloyd Phillips, Esq.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cincinnati Ohio, July 24, 1857

G. S. Woodward, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Wilmington Oct 4, 1 [illegible] 265

[illegible] Gordon Jr Esq,
Prest Manf & Mechanics Bk Phila

My dear Sir

Last winter our Co (Wilm[illegible]
obtained a law authorizing an increase to the Capital
stock of the Co of [illegible] dolls either by new subscriptions
or by Mortgage bonds, on consultation it seemed the true
interest of the Co to adopt the latter course. [illegible]
of the amt has been offered and taken by the original sub-
scribers according to their pro rata interest, they have not
been offered for sale in the Market nor will they be [illegible]
[illegible] is a [illegible] that of the [illegible] the [illegible]
George & myself took our proportion of them and [illegible]
[illegible] above sufficient Cash means to make us comfortable
[illegible] all your loan, A No 1 House in N York have offered
to accept our amt for us at 90 days & my object in
[illegible] is to ascertain if your Bk will [illegible]
[illegible] dft at 90 days for this amt & if so what
will you charge me for a dft upon N York. you know
me well enough to believe that I would not make such a
proposition if there was a shadow of a doubt about
[illegible] the [illegible] or acceptance of the dft

Rank to mention you a long letter but how
I have not to do so than just observe
on a train through Herkimer & Montgomery
Counties I noticed most of the grain
growing which I saw was yellow ripening
Utica Rochester & Buffalo I saw, surprised to find the
towns of so much importance the following are
their population

Utica	20000
Troy	16000
Syracuse	22000
Rochester	40000
Buffalo	55000

all of them advancing in wealth & population
rapidly as many former towns then also a
large number of towns scattered all over the state
which ranging from 5000 to 1000 population
are all using wood as the principle fuel
The total that there is annually consumed at
Syracuse 80,000 cords of wood also principally
for locking Salt ranging from 3 to 4 per cord
they will all go in the Canal next year when
steam alone will pass on a great market

Wheat	2[illegible]0
Barley	10 [illegible]0
[illegible]	3[illegible]0
[illegible]	40 0 0
[illegible]	45 0 0

Kerhurka Rig an Hoop Cask, commonly
an Aanga Cask of 56 Gallons, this
abt the Aanga size of Hogsheads in Newfound-
land. Hoop is Manufactured in Europe. The
Iron Hoop Cask off Consists from 46 to 50
Gallons in Manufacturing Fish Oyl —
The Rack often on Board for Drying
the Fish which Exchequer is on 37
Fathom Long

All Vessels that are
for Jamaica [illegible]

Office L & N. R. R. Co
Scranton Pa. Oct 5 1871

Wm Jno Wilcox

Dear Sir.

On my return I find your letter of the 22 ult. the previous one I have o mislaid or have cast lost in the multitude of business matters & been forgotten. I hope you will have an opportunity to see Mr Lloyd.

In regard to the price of Coal & the trade for Geneva, N.Y. We have made arrangements with Capt Geo Dickson to supply your Citizens with Coal. & also he will sell for us in quantities of 25 to 100 tons or more, as low as it can be purchased of us. You can make your arrangements with Capt Dickson to get your supply on very fair terms. We sell at Ithaca for $3.90 per ton. gross. in lots of 500 tons & upwards. & by the boat load $4.15. Cash. All here on board. provided the boat is at the Schuyler. It will cost more to take Coal to Geneva via of Jeffersons than via Ithaca. the Grade difference I cannot now tell. but the charge is 35 to 45¢ per ton. Capt D. is now doing so. There is no convenience to discharge Coal from the Cars into Boat at Jeffersons! we have no wharf & have you Consign with Capt D. who will see that you are faithfully attended to. We are a large and growing here now. & is very busy this year. If you can sell us on terms equal to others we shall buy of you

I am very truly Yours &c &c Geo M Scranton Supt

Scranton Feb. 8th 1851

M. McKeen Esqr
(N.Y.)

I did not get off as I intended
Mon Morning. We owe Dudley B Fuller & Co. $ 150 dy
bills of Exch. at 30 days sight 16% Cash. he has called on us for the
pay. We have no way to draw him. Can it be done
in N.Y.? will you see what can be done.

Please remember to bring with you next week
our Subscription Book. Contract with Erie Co. and all Books
belonging to & relating to our interests that will be wanted
at our Meeting here.

We have drawn Thos Foster Treas. Dollars. S & P. notes. for $2500.
each. amounts to $10,000 in lieu of the Can. Del. & Han. canal
Com. Concerning the loans. & also for a rect for Iron furnished
them by Ch. & Scranton which we have pd. & amounting to
some $420.

We have nothing of particular importance to add.
The report of Secession of Pa from the gulf Current
about the Country but is growing stale! We believe we shall
be able to draw the

Stock.

Very Respt Your friends

Geo. W. Scranton Esqr

Ohio

Left 6th Mr Sherrard promised to attend
to and $100 to Mr Robert Forman. If he has
not see him and please do not do it as the family
are the least

Chamber del. 1891

Office L. & W. R. R. Co.

Scranton Pa. Oct. 8th 1851.

Dear

I have a memorandum of Conv[ersation] with Mr. [illegible] in which he informed me that he had [illegible] from Messrs Hall & Coxe a Copy of the Contract made with [illegible] Co. & that it was [illegible]. I now enclose you Seventeen Hundred & Notes, each for $200, which will be satisfactory as to amount on account of the Conv[ersation] with Mr. [illegible] for the 5 & 10 Rails on the Contract. Please give me [illegible] of the Notes. You will thereby oblige me. There is a question not [illegible] as to [illegible] & I think [illegible] Can respond S & P's proper name, but not [illegible] Please give me [illegible] & Correspondence.

The Notes enclosed are at Phoenix date Mar 10th & 25th & I think will be Convenient to make this all right in a settlement. Will you please forward a statement of the Acct with the interest added, due on the final settlement. I learn that [illegible] the whole order. Please Extend the Acct of Pig Iron &c of Chas Scranton & send a separate Acct for Steel &c. (Rec'd by the hands of Mr [illegible] Acct of your Co. on all [illegible] the Notes for the Balance due you — The Notes are dated as follows —

Mar 10th	at 7 Mos.	$200,	
" 10.	" 7 "	2200	
" Sept. 10.	" 8 "	2500	
" " 25.	" 8 "	2500	$10.000

Rec'd Mar 6 from 100 Elk St. N.Y. Written from
New York. with Indorsement & memorandum forwarded to
Office requesting the Amount of P.M. thereon
paid from Rec'd thereby to Mem.
I have seen two of the Passage Cards, & am very
[illegible] with them.
Hoping Mrs Hall will reach you in time, &
that you will have a pleasant Passage
I am my Dear Sir
Yrs Most Sincerely
Jas Hall

The Notes referred to are
made part of your order at the
Mercantile P.K. N.Y.
M. Glover
Thos. Hall

Oct 13

Staunton Oct. 13th

D. Hennighan Esq
Lynchburg

Your val. favr of the 1st inst reached my office in my absence. I have been laboring constantly on the road for the last 2 months & I have not been able to keep up my correspondence & not shall for the present be able to pay attention to it.

We open our road tomorrow (Wednesday) & the following day shall have a train of Coal to sell. I have employed Mess C & T of the Company of Susquehanna to sell Coal for us & have also made sales of Coal on the Chesapeake Canal. I beg to refer you to the Company & Co of Phila &c. I presume they will call on you.

Our prices for Coal are as per Book (provided the boats are at the Depot) on the amount of 18 tons) for best Lehigh Coal in lots of 100 tons or thereabouts is $3.50 p ton of 2240 lbs. Coals for larger amounts the price will be a little less. We hope to reduce the prices next year. We should be happy to supply you with all you require & hope that a trade may grow up between the two States that will be mutually beneficial.

I am in great haste
Most respectfully yours &c

Gen. Staunton Valley

Office L & W. R. R. Co
Scranton Pa Dec 25 1857

S. B Evans Esq
Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th is rec'd and noted as with interest. We think you can obtain Coal at your place to good advantage if you will send after you get in the track that it will count a mine as a larger track than you are now aware of. We shall be a day to take your Coal Del'd at Pittston as you may agree for Tons & Cars. We would like to get off all we can by Canal before the Close of Navigation: we can reach you every day. We can again [illegible] in a few days if they do not you shall hear from us. When you have Cars & Calculate the Coal Del'd at Pittston but if you know we will Contract for the Most of Coal at P. We want for 6 days & Coal at a reasonable Price we think it will make it more to you to bring it into general use. We think you will be benefited from it. Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain very Truly Yours &c

[illegible]

Ofce Lt W. R. R. Co
Sacramento Oct. 23. 1857.

Henry McKinney Esq
Dear Sir

Your Esteemed favr of the 18th inst
duly recd & noticed. I have no other desire than
to make the said matter all right, ~~and that~~
~~other~~. My time has been so much occupied that I
have not had time to talk with you about it
I will talk with Mr Mckinney about it & come and
see you as soon as possible. I think Mr Mckinney
will come to the Bend & remain for two weeks.

I have so much on my hands at present & for
a few weeks to come. that you must excuse me for
any delay that may occur.

I am very Respectfully Yours

Geo. W. Scranton Sec'y

Office of the U.S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C. 20242

Director
U.S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C. 20242

Dear Director:

Enclosed please find my report on the [illegible] project. I have enjoyed working on this project very much and hope that the results will be useful to you and your staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to help.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]

Office of the N.Y.C. & H.R.R.R. Co.
Syracuse Oct 23d 1851

Wm Kenney Esq
Jr. Div.

Yours of the 22d inst is just rec'd. I
noticed. I regret exceedingly that the preparation for
the Evening Cars at B. is so far behind. We really must be
prepared ready this week. I must insist upon help from the
Road. I shall try to be there early next week. There are
days when we are greatly disappointed by the Erie Co. so few in
Sunday PM on Cars for the West. We have sent one train
each day from here for just a week, & but a Car if
returned. & Every Sheet of Cars we shall have now out at
the 2d Ch. But we learn to day that the Loads is going
to place an Engine at the head to run between that
place & B. & Otego. & to do nothing else but run on
Coal & Empty Cars back. May take help &c.

The way things now look, it will be hard work for
us to keep up Loads & Cars 1000 ton to Utica hereafter,
but we shall do the best we can. We must just keep fully
all you have Contracted for. I am glad you have given
the Travelers to you. Neither trust to accept for the Order.

Hoping to see you early next week

I remain very Truly
Yours &c

Wm H. Seward Sup't

Miss Lillie Hitchcock
Telluride
Colo.

Office L. & W. R.R. Co.
Scranton Oct 23d 1871.

Chas. Minot Esq
Supt N.Y. & Erie
Sir.

Your last favor of the 21st inst is noticed with great interest. I regret to learn that you are so short of cars that you will be unable to loan us enough to keep us out of our trouble. I still hope that you can so arrange as to loan us 30 or 40. for a few weeks. We are in a very bad fix and only you can do something for us.

We started our first train of Coal last Thursday morning. The cars returned the evening. We hope you will arrange to put an Engine at the Bend to haul our trains to & from Owego & Binghamton. Causing as little delay as possible. If we had cars sufficient we could send 400 tons every day to the Bend.

We Commenced running our Passenger trains as follows. Leaving Scranton at 10 O.Clock A.M. & in time to put Passengers on your Express trains going east & west, we leave the Bend on the arrival of your Exp. train going west 2 O.clock. we have not advertised as yet. it may be better for us to run 6 and your Mail train going east at 11. O.clock returning after the arrival of the 2 O.clock Exp. then we put our passengers into New York. we have a list of those that now go from Carbondale & join us from passengers from that end of the Valley. we think it may be best for us to change Post cards. We are greatly obliged to you for directing the Express trains to stop at the Bend

Mrs. Russell Hill Rockwell
Cleveland Ohio 1837.

Our Pastor thank me to you good next year
all our friends are going to be disappointed in the matter,
we do not expect Mrs Lucas. we hope that our
tickets may be prepared as soon as possible.

We Expect you would have been here at an
Opening. we shall be happy to see you here at your
earliest Convenience

I am my Dear Sir
Yours truly
H. Wetherell & Sons

Office L&W R R Co
Scranton Oct 23d 1851

[illegible] Dodge Esq
[illegible].

Your Oct. favour of the 21st is at hand and noted. I noticed that our good [illegible] was [illegible] and [illegible] all the way over to Ithaca, and [illegible] [illegible] well [illegible], I suppose [illegible] of the [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] here, [illegible] pleased to know that you can [illegible] all down at once, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in a condition to [illegible] him up. there is no [illegible] the fact that we have a very [illegible] upon us, but we are [illegible] to overcome it and to do this effectually it is highly important that the [illegible] of every member of the association should be well [illegible]. we must all look ahead. our prospects [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bright [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] of us who have been foremost in the project, have [illegible] much at the commencement, [illegible] [illegible], but there is [illegible] doubt that every Estimate & Calculation that was made [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible]. I am [illegible] of [illegible] that we must [illegible], [illegible] in time may [illegible], [illegible] ideas & opinions [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] year [illegible]. [illegible] be [illegible] within what was [illegible] Estimated for the [illegible] [illegible] roads. we [illegible] most [illegible] agree with you [illegible] the propriety of [illegible] our forces in every department [illegible] [illegible] our Expenses to the smallest possible [illegible]. we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the Estimates. the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] prepared & made ready to put up & in that [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Contemplation, if we expect to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

that the Prospect is of our town getting up Steam Ladder
Cars.' [illegible] stock [illegible] is [illegible]
I we had the Cars on a Steam Road /

I hope the Directors will get them as soon as
possible, they know our Town will fill fast now.
we Need in Illinois to Know you Lived on the Prairie
the Cabin is [illegible]. I Shd like to meet you a
Sick Room with Clement Dow.

We have had a Democratic Primary Election
we expect I think it may be over 2 [illegible] the Democ
[illegible] Cars run of yesterday P. & [illegible] to Chicago
[illegible] Cy Train at 2.

Fare per Rail Road & Canal.

Monday —	$ 38 50
Tuesday —	27 12
Wednesday.	73. 12
Thursday.	75. —

Our Road begin to Carry pt. regularly
next week. We have Cars to Meet Passengers at
Clement Hill & Plainfield is [illegible] 3 miles
this.

I am Ever Yours Truly
Geo. W. Clement

We Cannot get the Iron to Carry for N.J. on C. & A.
[illegible] Co. [illegible] a Complete waste [illegible]
& Penna Coal Co. [illegible] Ever. Make a Requisition
[illegible] Feby. The Pa Co. Ask $ 7.00 per
$ 7.50 [illegible] Ohio Iron in Pennsylvania, where we have to get
8.00 at Chicago Depot.

Office L. & H. R.R. Co.
Rochester, N.Y. Dec 3rd 1851

[illegible] Co
Clarence

Dear Sir. Yours of the 24th ult. was duly rec'd & notices that I was entitled to draw at 4 days sight Cash for $3000 which I have been expecting to pay hourly for 2 weeks past & get out on a few days. I shall be obliged for answer yours as early as possible.

I left you with the understanding that you were to purchase the Coal at Ithaca at $3.90 per ton to report to our Board of Directors for any Coal that you might sell by the boat load in Canal Basin in the vicinity of Rochester &c. and pay for a commission for. I approved the Opinion that you should have Money to buy the Coal that is left for us. My idea was to sell to no one else in R. & not to offer the boat to any other person to be on hand ready [illegible] to talk with me after I [illegible] at R. but you [illegible] have spoke him up. I wished to have the Coal in from Ithaca a boat load or 500 tons. But we found that by too much, & deemed it unwilling to make that 10¢ the D. & H. Co. make no difference between selling 10 tons or 1000 tons: You must expect Complaints will be had in every direction: but I know that you can make a large Prospective Profit in selling Coal. You can feed as many mouths & factories as any body can.

and take wholesome Intermittent Our Co. will be
disposed to please you. You will do well. the price
of everything being so high now. + the probability that we
can send off so small depot Canals Close. that
you can only get enough to make a Commencement
this Season.

You recollect you and me at the Commencement
I told you Cash or Cash. but Coal we Company
to use before we to any thing to make it Convenient for
you. in your letter to me to us. you have
nothing that we could do to suppose you wished any
Credit. You speak of looking out for next 4th.
Now I see? Not wish to have you smoke the Coal
until it is entirely agreeable to you. You may
tell it an Commencement as if you think it more to
your interest Star Season.' but after this year I don't
think we shall have any difficulty! the System
will run us all right. if we cannot sell Coal cheaper
we had better give up the business.

My opinion in respect to you is that you
had better put on the Coal + Commence the business
as + you can at it. + that you + he in a few days when
you might to get put up the Co-operation of our Co-
hereafter. I hope that you will be able to pay
down $ 2 or if you do not make quick at the beginning
you will Run out well at the End. I am fully of
opinion that you can sell 1000 tons next year!

+ Sunday
We have been disappointed in getting our Scows yet
still hope to have them in a few days.

[illegible]

Off. Lackª & Western R.R. Co
Scranton Nov 4, 1857

Ed. Ulst.

We have nothing to offer you
new in the way of a settlement as yet. [illegible]
[illegible] We are pressed with [illegible] Agts &
Conductors, our Trains will not be large for the
Winter & we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] we shall run only one Passenger [illegible]
[illegible] & may not run but one next year, as
[illegible] will be Carrying Coal.

Yours Most Truly

W.M. Scranton Treas

Mr. Wm. Clark, Philadelphia

Clarksville, Nov. 14, 1837

Office L. V. R.R. Co.

Scranton Dec. 5th 1881

M. M. R. R.

Dear Sir.

We rec'd the boy. Containing
[illegible] of Chilled wheel. & also your letter of 2d inst.
We are greatly obliged to you for the sample. &
think it will be of service to our wheel makers.
[illegible] & we please with it.

We had an accident to the Lackawanna last week.
The rear Engine & tender left the track & run into a tree that had just
been felled across the track abt 25 miles from here.
The Engineer was running to fast & not hearing a
proper signal, did not check speed till he saw the
tree & then reversed steam & jumped off. The Consequence
was that her tender was all bent & axles also.
Pilot injured. She was run down her next day
[illegible] outside connection road. Struck engine & threw
[illegible] got him out again. The Engineer was entirely to
blame & will be discharged. Shocks & after all how dates
[illegible] for a damaged Engine.

We are happy to learn that another Engine
[illegible] to have been del'd at Jeffers yesterday for us —
Mr Humphrey informs me that the Lineman de mitt's
[illegible] Boy is entirely cured up. how shall they be refunded. Can
[illegible] dem either. Sending him to Patterson!

Most Respectfully Yours Geo W Scranton Pres't

Office L & W. R. R. Co.
Scranton, Nov 4, 1857

A. H. Stephens Esq
Athens Pa.

Dear Sir. Yours of the 30th is duly noticed. We shall be happy to furnish you with all the Coal you want. Our Coal is Lumpy (& good) the very best). You taking it from the cars immediately after mine arrival. At $4.60 per ton of 2240 lbs in quantities of 20 tons or upwards at the time. Terms Cash on delivery.

Shall wish you to send Capt. Ostrander with the Boat when you write to.

I am Yours Truly &c

Wm. H. Scranton Sup't

Office Land Office N. C.
Washington, Dec. 4 1851

Sir,

I am requested by the
Register, in Dept of Fayetteville, to enclose
you herewith a plat and draft, & direct you to enter
Cert. at Cherokee, for 44.25 for acres of 2240 lbs;
if you take any, you can take it at Pitt or Beaufort
& 4.50 per ac. You must enclose to the Land
Office Cash. You had better procure Warrant with
the assistance of some Lawyer or Agent you can rely
on there. Publish you with 10 days & a more
formal one may be sent.

Yours very respectfully &c

[illegible] W Lamb
Land Agt

Columbus Nov 4. 1851

Henry Preston
Ithaca N.Y.

Sir

Yours of the 22d ult.
was duly rec'd I have been too much occupied to answer it
sooner. Confined to my house, for the last few
days of Nearly the whole time I
have not been about so much as to walk to the
Post Office. If you wish time & to do.
Most of Ithaca are here & do not know when
Franklin Co. I do not know how many
will be ready when they vote on I have paid
no attention to the matter since I left there
the Treasurership to the Charge of Mrs.
I do not wish to say any thing in the way
of a real Estate Agent, & as for Employment
for Men there I have when in Ithaca
Hands more than I can employ. Men every day.
I should be happy to render you any assistance
in my power, for you are in a good Community.
& Can find those who will render you help if
you need —

I am most Resp'y Yours

Geo W Sexton

J B Sheeler Esq. Mentone

Dear Sir

Your of the 29th ult was duly rec'd. but I have been unable to answer I have two Cousins to my house for 2 weeks back a very bad family - from L.C. I am recovering now - hope to get out soon.

I think Mr Nicholson had left for Hamilton - or as he Came - before you arrived the papers for Simms & Brown. I is true they were settled with. I hope it Can be now done I know Mr Nicholson was to post in Town Coming - Thomson also - & what they will do? altogether it is almost impossible to do any thing - the Mail for want of Plank. every Mile in the County is down -

I am very glad you received - & got the Orchard in better Shape. I think he Cannot touch at a deal below he Can. why did you not think & get his rec'd on the article for the horse as he pd Pay.t he had the horse before you saw him.

Please advise them of my Illness & the Cause of the delay in settling.

Mr Nicholson will be here tomorrow I will shew him the article you enclose. & Enquire with him as to the time when he Can attend to the Matter.

I am Yours truly

Yours Sincerely

Sarnia Nov.r 1851. G W Sorauben

Office L. & P. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa. 1851

Mr. B. Emmons &
Richmond Va

Sir

We wish to ask you
if you can get Coal on from
it. Can you get Now Stony Hill as Coal is for
orders, and Can you advise us any Coal to get
off before the Close of Navigation. I will refer
you to the Co. of B. Emmons, our Agt at Richmond, for
Our Correspondence with him who will inform you how
low you may get at Coal. We shall charge
$3.50 per Ton of 2240lbs Del.d at Richmond. (the Co. to
Con to unload it.) Cash on Del.y You must Ship at
the rate of 400. Tons per week. 98.
Anthracite Coal will be Landed at the Rate of 250.
I dare say doubt but that you can by a
Effort Sell 4 times as much as you now do, as the
Coal is the Cheapest when in the Coal trade, after it
is once introduced.

I am very Respectfully Yours &c

[illegible]

Richmond Del.d at Richmond
$ 3.50 p Ton 2240 lbs

Scranton Nov 5th 1851.

R. S. Easton Esq.
Syracuse N.Y.

Sir

Yours of the 29th ult. was
duly rec.d & noticed. in reply I say that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
no one has yet engaged. [illegible] I have [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] No person [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] prefer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I know of [illegible] & [illegible] is [illegible]. I do not
believe that the N.Y. folks have yet any one fixed in
their minds for the [illegible]. Mr B. knows many of these
& I think he had better see them & write to them. I
[illegible] spoken of [illegible] [illegible] to them, [illegible] —
I have already [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] myself in
most every thing that we are concerned in, & in this matter
I determined to be free from the start.

[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] Coal in Syracuse we [illegible]
[illegible] that we are disappointed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of Coal
[illegible] there so small. we are determined to try & [illegible]
the consumption [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & in order to do it we
think we must send a man [illegible] who is acquainted
[illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to use it. if we do this the agt we have [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] also, we can get [illegible] a man [illegible]
[illegible] this season [illegible] next year we shall [illegible] [illegible]

Geo L. & W. R. R. Co
Scranton Nov 1 1875

Sold the Dolan

I saw your letter to Jno.
[illegible] & on to me you [illegible]
[illegible] & if you can
[illegible] Coal [illegible] & if you can
[illegible] Coal
[illegible] & if the Coal
[illegible] Coal. Let me
have down to get
[illegible] Coal [illegible]
[illegible] I have been confined
[illegible]

Hope you will do
[illegible]

Yrs truly

Office Land & Water R.R. Co
Savannah Ga Nov 14. 1851

Messrs. [illegible]
[illegible]

Sir

Yours of the 6th inst was duly received, in reply have to say that it would be satisfactory to me to comply with your request in regard to [illegible] but after due consideration feel that it would be imprudent for us to do so at this time. We have just had a meeting of our Board of Directors and have resolved to reduce our expenses to the lowest possible basis. I am instructed to make no contracts for anything that we can at present get along without.

We have before us a bill for damages occasioned by your Company of the track, crossing Louisa Ave which we are entirely willing to remove by the payment of the bill, should I am directed to do it is the first. It amounts to [illegible] and damage [illegible] recommended that [illegible]

[illegible] which would seem to [illegible]
that the Lords were very sorry for their [illegible]

We are also told of the opinion that the
head of the Church of Rome can make by [illegible]
and also those made by an authority to [illegible]
are [illegible] We have attended [illegible] and
never [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Office Louisville & N. R. R. Co.
Louisville Nov 15th 51

Mr. D. M. Clark
Comptroller

Dear Sir:

[illegible]

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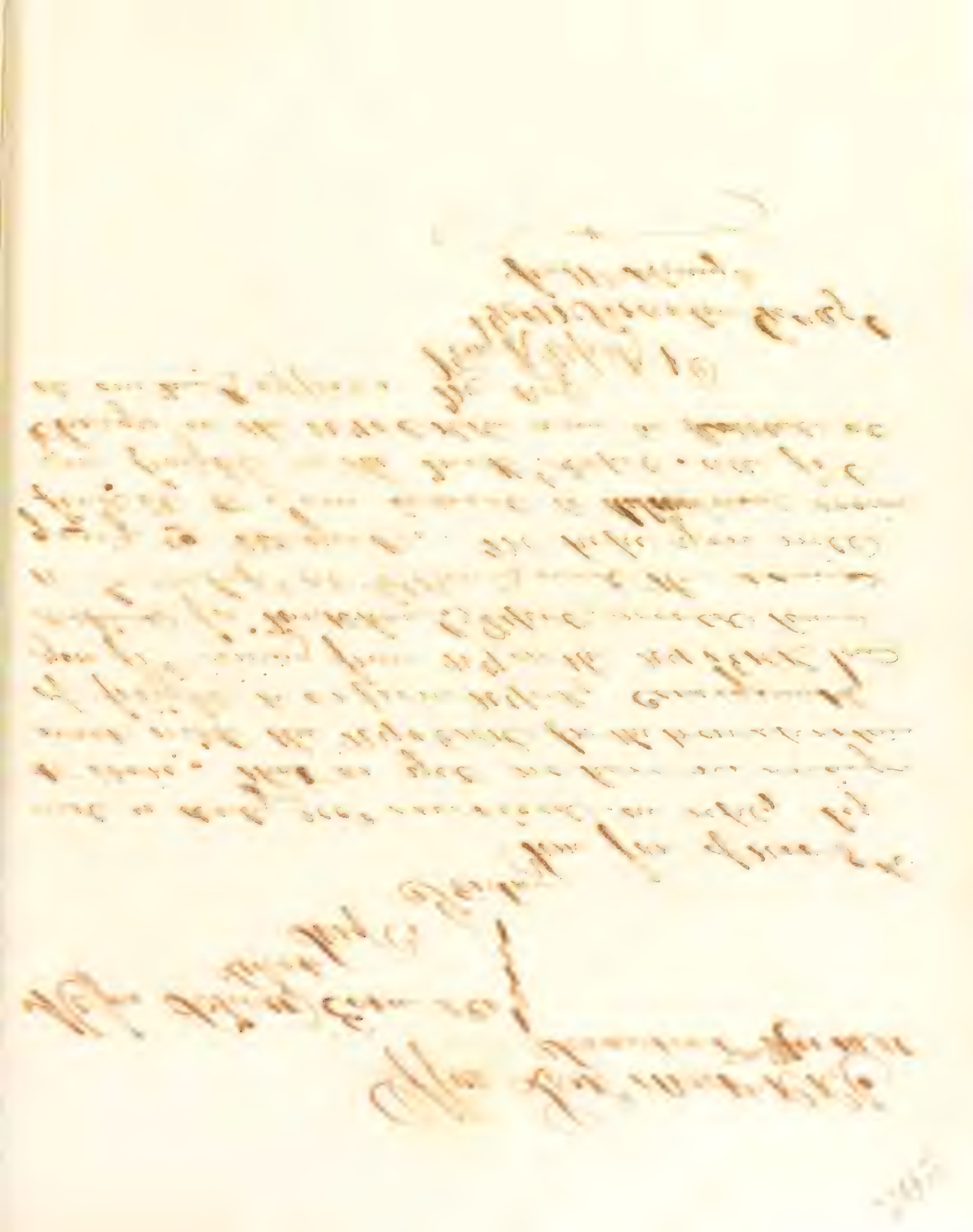

we can save interest & gain time by selling some of our acc'ts by draft on you. we cannot however do this to any great extent.

We are now at work at our acc'ts & hope soon to make the desired settlement between the Companies.

Please send me by mail one or two of the Papers belonging to Seldon & myself at your earliest convenience. we think we can use one or two in this section.

My Rheumatism has been very troublesome since my return home, & as the weather is bad I have kept myself in the house for 2 or 3 days past. I hope to be able to go to Binghampton & St Mary Monday & Tuesday next.

Every thing seems to be moving as well as possible. the want of money is our greatest trouble but we think this cannot [illegible] [illegible].

With kind regards to you & all your family
I am with great respect
Yours &c

Geo. W. Scranton [illegible]

Office L. & N. R. R. Co.
Louisville Dec 13. 1850

Wm Tracy Esq
Gen Freight Agt

Yours of the 13th is rec'd
[illegible] I have a copy of his Schedule
to the Agts. which [illegible] I send you by Express
[illegible] Cin. & to Some Sales. I think, but you
know it is the Mem's Pkgs, & also of the others, [illegible]
[illegible] to the Ag (if you do not [illegible]
to the above) you will recollect the price of Meat will be
[illegible] Mem. to sell in Mr. Nunn Cash: If Mem
[illegible] Let us hear from you with the first [illegible]
[illegible] so that we may [illegible] Mr. Nunn for the
[illegible] We are greatly in Expectation of
[illegible] I confess to know for you [illegible]
[illegible] to say always ready to [illegible]
[illegible]

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Barnard Carr. Agt

L. Brown & Co

Gen.

We wish you to put up
One 10 ton Scale (same as those you have
just written us at Owego & Ft. Edward
at Abingdon Depot. & one at Smithtown
Depot. & one at New Milford Depot. - and one
at Factoryville Depot. -
Also one 16 ft. Track Scale to be put up at
one point, somewhere between Binghamton and
Great Bend. -
Also 2. portable Scales. (on wheels) Cap. 2000 lbs
each.

Price of 10 ton Scale. $175. ea
" Track do do - 312. } S. Mo Co
Portable, 40 a 45 ea.

Yours L & W R R Co
Scranton Mar 17. 1851. Geo Scranton Sup't

P.S. There is wants at the Montrose Depot.
One 10 ton Scale same as you furnish us.
& You may perhaps use for that place &
if Sales Barry & Co. will not pay for it. we
will.

Reply Yours &c

Gen.

Lieber Herr Professor!

Ich bin leider [illegible] Ihnen [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Office L. I. W. R. R. Co
Scranton Nov 18 1871

John F. Phelps Esq
Sir.

During the Rheumatism I had
the winter Cold I got home on my return
home finding I have not felt it prudent to venture
out much since I reached home. but I am getting
along pretty fairly. I think of going into the City
tomorrow, but am all at work with the Co. and
settlements. Making good headway. Nicholson is on the
Eastern end of the R.R. Clearing agreement already accomplished
we shall make quick progress in all our affairs as a
settlement by the 1st Dec. The Town Lots business
not over for want of time to work the Case. our Counsel
Reading the Matter Closely & our Claims. all the testimony
on our side.

We have been unable to start a 2nd Coal train.
have not sufficient Cars. & those we have had landed at
Carbondale from Furnace getting . The last 110. part of them
left 20 days ago. Portions of them has got across. Our
Passage & Fr. business is steadily growing. Our Mines from
Carbondale The Company for Oct. 17th to Nov 1. for Mr. Potter &
Co of Brooklyn Coal, by the whole Funds, so that for
Effects from Money in the Treasury

We had an accident on Saturday. The Coal Train
left here at 8th P. Clock. (the time of Waiting)

when within 2 hrs of Clark's [illegible]. [illegible] 21. Cars
one of the Connecting rods between the 3rd & 4th [illegible]
& Henry [illegible] Cars loose, the breakman [illegible] was
[illegible] off at once & let them go. The Conductor [illegible]
[illegible] all right & [illegible] the train on the Rolling [illegible]
[illegible]. He did not stop [illegible] the time [illegible] to the
[illegible] & Conductor on the Caboose [illegible] Cinder [illegible] on front
[illegible] he pulled, the [illegible] the [illegible] Conductor [illegible]
[illegible] the rear [illegible]. Not an axle broke & only one
[illegible] & this [illegible] seen suspected. The damage is principally
to the [illegible] it is supposed that the Car attained a speed of
[illegible] 100 [illegible] per hour, when on a perfect [illegible] of fire as
[illegible] could see for a long [illegible] distance. It is fortunate that
[illegible] [illegible] was in front [illegible] here. An Engine & first class
[illegible] passed that [illegible] an accident [illegible] had occurred
[illegible] the fault is that the Connecting [illegible] on 6 Engine, the
[illegible] on the engine [illegible] as fast as possible, this accident
[illegible] from a bad [illegible] the [illegible] did not break, but pulled
[illegible] out in the [illegible]. I have [illegible] perfect [illegible] to append
[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & I hope it will not affect
[illegible] [illegible] unfavourably. Per Henry went to [illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] grade. [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] Train [illegible] at 5 P.M. with a [illegible] load. [illegible] 21.
Cars. 105 tons Coal. 900 Coal & sent along without
difficulty, as I hope. [illegible] [illegible] 22 Cars was taken
[illegible] 10 which [illegible] frequently during the [illegible] I
so [illegible] my last account that they will take 25 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] the Coal [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] of the

Office of C. M. R. R. Co
Charleston Jan 19th 1861

Chief Justice Fitz Hugh

Sir &c &c.

It seems to be absolutely necessary that suitable buildings be put up at the place to the better accomodation of the two Companies as soon as possible. We are at present [illegible] from the Depot and the heads of both Companies are inconvenienced. I regret to trouble you with any additional Cares or business but you are the only person I can refer to. I have therefore carefully avoided speaking to you when if I had consulted my own wishes I should have asked your Opinion on many occasions. I now respectfully submit what has been done in my absence to the buildings required at Mount Holly. And what we can do to help the matter along, as the ground where the buildings are to be put up belongs to the C. M. R. Co it will not be right for us to be put up the buildings, & charge on our Yearly rent for our proportion thereof. The buildings may be plain but large & convenient. I know no doubt you are fully aware of the pressing inconvenience of the Depot at Mount Holly. & it will not be necessary to make pretty large Calculations for the future, the two Companies are growing different parts of the future and this is in Contemplation Hope.

We have one Engine House Commenced & Piles down & will be ready for the occupancy of both Companies. and can take them & the one at Ottawa also we made new [illegible] are ordered & will very soon be [illegible] & if you [illegible]

want any more or you W. J & W. [illegible] you have some Competent person to examine [illegible] before you purchase. we can furnish the Locomotives at [illegible] [illegible] & cheaper & better than any body else." I saw Mr Post a few days since & told him we sh.d like to supply all the R.R. Spikes you want. we make them now for our use. You have now mostly [illegible] in. which I think too small; we sh.d like to supply all your forge work Iron, Slide blocks, Chairs wrought Iron Shafting, &c &c. Can do all these work on short notice & in the best manner & as cheap if not cheaper than any other concern in the Country.

We are doing very well on our Road, considering what we have to do with. we are short of Cars & can only do a small business this season. we wish that you c.d have lent us 20 or 30 platform cars! as it is we shall not be able to deliver more Coal than we had done before the close of navigation, & we have not half the part of what is now wanted. The demand & consumption of Coal is greater & more general than we anticipated.

In haste for the mail

Your most Resp

Your Obt Svt

Geo. M. Cranston Gen Agt

Columbia Dec 11 1831

Mr St Helens

Sir

I am sorry to find by your letter of the 15 ult that you have not received the money for the Negroes. We hope to be able soon to pay you the whole of it. We have had a very unfortunate year. Much of our cotton has been destroyed by the worms & the crop will not be more than half a crop. I hope also that we can soon be relieved of the Negroes, both for your sake & our own, as we are very much in debt. I hope you will excuse me for not writing you before. I have remained here to take care of our sick negroes who have been very sick & nearly died. We are all well now but I have still to keep them out of the sun for some time. I am very much

Your Obt Servt

Thos W Ferrell

Columbus Nov 16. 1851

Mr Hanson Phillips
Jeffersonville
Ind

Sir

I have the 10th inst. & have
in reply to your letter of the 8th inst. I have to say
that I will be at your office
on Monday next at 10 o'clock A.M. when
I will be ready to receive
the money & execute the deed
for the property & I will be ready to receive
the money & execute the deed for the property
I am Sir
Your obt Servt
[illegible]
Jeffersonville Ind

Office of the R. & O. R.R. Co
Orwell Nov 18. 57

John C. Fisk Esq
Pt. Bond.

Dear Sir,

Yours relative to the Purchase
of No. 11 was duly received. I expect to be at Pt. Bond soon &
will endeavour to arrange the matter satisfactorily
I am very Resp
Yours &c
E. W. Clarke Sup't

Orwell Nov 15 1857

Mr. C. Fisk Port Kent Co.

Dear Sir

I hope soon to be at Port Kent
to see you in reference to building the dock
perhaps by the 1st of next week. Should I
hope you will be in town & will you write
Truly Yours
E. W. Clarke

459. 5 Mo

Saratoga Nov 1st 1851.

Four months after date we promise to pay to the order of A. N. Easton Treas. Belvidere Manufacturing Co. at the Belvidere Bank. N. J. Four Hundred and fifty Nine Dollars. for value rec'd.

Wm H. & J. Scranton

Mr Easton

Sir.

Herewith is an note $459- for 4 Mo. drawn on Stock Acct. to B. M.s Co. which we hope may be satisfactory. we wish we could have the money, but be fat poor just now. if any one of your friends would like the Stock. I would rather give the 30 p. cent a year. than pay the above & take the stock. but however doubtful the value of the Enterprise. Stock is the Cash. but in these times we feel as tho. we had better & keep out of our business — than run in debt. for the above

& believe me in haste

very Truly Yours.

Nov. 24th 1851.

Wm H Scranton

Nov. 24th 1937.

(Copy)

New York July 11 1851

M. Gen. H. Brewster Agt.
for The Jackawanna and W. R.
Rail Road Co.

Bot. of Dudley B. Fuller & Co.
No 139 Chestnut St.

Jam Card
Hookhead Rail Road Spikes 6¾ x 9/16
100 Kegs Weighing 2 2 4 4 9 lbs = 37½ T.
Cartage . . . 7 T. 6 c
2.00
$ 762.60

Ord:
1 Car R.R.
for Bud. 1/2 ch. J.C.R.R.

Scranton Pa. January 30. 1851

M. H. Bell Esq.
Sec. D. L. & W. R.R. Co.
New York. Dear Sir

Above please find copy of D. B. Fuller & Co.
Invoice R R. Spikes, Cash 7½ cts, in accordance with your request fr
ence of 21st inst.

Respectfully
Yours

H. Brewster Genl. Agt.

New York July 15 1851

Mr. Geo. H. Stewart Agt.

Pr. The Independence and Mail

Rail Road Co.

Dr. of Hartley & Slade &c.

Steam Coal

March and April Last 649 Tons 6cwt @ 3/6 per Ton Weighing Inward 1163.6c

Contra Cr

By Cash 1163.6c

E. & O.E.

Per

J. Hartley & Co.

New York Dec. 30. 1851

Mr. H. Stell Esqr.

Sec. N.M.R.R.Co.

New York.

Dear Sir

Herewith I send you a Statement of the Number of Tons of Coal Delivered by the Subscribers to the Company during the Month of December 1851.

Respectfully

Yours

Hartley & Slade

Coal Contractors

Offer Lack[a] Navigation Co[y] to
Scranton Nov 26 1850

Memorandum of Agreement Made this Nov. 26th 1850
between Luke & B Maurice & the Lackawanna and
Western Railroad Co to wit as follows.

The said Maurice, hereby agrees to build a depot
or Station house at Van Buskirks to be located near Platts
tannery. The size of the building is 22 by 60 feet, and the
roof to be 15ft high. The same size as the Station house at
Clarks summit. in fact the building is to be
in size & finish of the one at Clark summit, to be equal
to that in quality of Lumber Style of finish and
workmanship & to be as good as that in all respects. to be
painted like that, but not to be painted. The Co Maurice to
furnish all the Shingles for the roof at his own Expence
Except the frame for the same & foundation for the same, the
Railroad is finishing & equal in quality to those used in S. Clark
depot. for which work well & truly done according to
the united meaning of this agreement. the Lack[a] & Western R.R.
Co. hereby agree & pay as Cash to be paid to L Maurice
the sum of Seven hundred & fifty dollars & they further
agree to furnish sand on the spot the entire frame for S.
building & the foundation for the same at their Expence —

It is also understood & agreed that the L. & W. R.R. Co. shall be
have hemlock Shingles used instead of Pine, which L Maurice
is Estimated & Cost of 4.00 p M then a deduction is to be
made to the L. & W. Co. for the difference between 3.00 p M. & what the
Hemlock Shingles Cost. Supposed to be at 3.00 p M. —

Payment to be made as the work progresses, & L Maurice
May expect to meet his engagements.

Witness.

Wm Weston Gen[l] Agt pro tem

Trenton Dec 26. 1801

L. H. Pratt Esq
Warsaw Pa

Sir.

I take pleasure in giving you some Information on such Land as may be agreeable and of interest to you. but really I cannot see any thing that can Offer to you now. if in the Course of the Winter we shall have any thing to offer you we will Cheerfully do so. we can tell better all about between this & Spring.

I am very Resp Yours
&c &c

Gen Wm Crawford Esq

P.S. I think the things you speak of if they are good Can be sold to the Lake — Maumee. who has taken on Genl Wilkinson Contract to Furnish by Contract. what a Pity the Surveyors Did them for at St. M. before Congress Did it!

Alexandrie, 16 Mai 1921

Mon cher ami

Je suis bien heureux de pouvoir vous donner de mes nouvelles et vous dire que je suis en bonne santé. Mes parents et Clément aussi. Nous avons reçu de vos nouvelles de Paris, il y a quelques jours, et nous espérons que vous serez bientôt de retour à Alexandrie.

Bien des choses à tous les vôtres.

Votre ami

Alfred

Office Lack. & Western R.R. Co
Scranton Dec 26. 1851

P. H. Rose Esq.
Canandaigua
N.Y.

Sir

Yours favr of Nov 6th I have this moment seen for the first time. The letter was mislaid in my absence & Mr Hanley my clerk informs me that I must write an apology for his long delay.

My intention now is to visit Canandaigua in a few days when I will call on you. We have had more than we could do to fill orders for Coal sold to go via Canal from Binghamton & Owego, & have not been in a situation as yet to have sent a Car load to Geneva, but in a few days as soon as the Canals shall close for the season & we shall be prepared to meet any demands via R.R. we have suffered for want of Cars. This difficulty will be obviated next year. I did not know what it would cost to get Coal for distribution to Geneva, but it will cost not far from $4.00 per ton of 2240 lbs at Scranton & probably of 78. a 80 tons. We shall be happy to get an Coal to Geneva in Gen. Newton Mrs Hunter, the quality will please all. I have not visited any of our last Coal, we have had 2 mines of it & by to reach it we shall be able to have an Car from that point in 2 weeks. Please present my best regards to Mrs Hunter & Family & to you Sir. I am most truly yours

Wm Sumner Jr Eng

Philadelphia, May 26, 1819

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 24th inst. and am much pleased with the prospect of your visiting Philadelphia. I shall be happy to see you at my house, and will endeavour to make it as agreeable to you as I can. I am sorry that I cannot accompany you to Lancaster, but I have an engagement to dine with Mr. Gallatin on Thursday next, which I cannot break. I shall be at home on Wednesday next, and will be glad to see you at dinner. I am, Dear Sir, with great respect, your obedient servant

Alexander Dallas

Office L.M.R.R. Co
Scranton Nov 3d 1851

E. H. Worthington Esq
Waterloo N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 11th inst was duly rec'd and I was much pleased to learn of your success. As to your way bill the Coal on your road standing is all suspended off as to the time of bringing on, and must stand open until we get a proper set of Rates & Rules which will be considered by another Board. I suppose it will be transmitted to you a load of Coal this season. I expect to go to Ithaca tomorrow and will see what can be done. I shall hope to see you in Waterloo during the winter when I shall be happy to talk with you about Coal for next year. We design to sell the Coal delivered at Ithaca & hope we can do a large business. Our business will be much done through the if we can establish Agents generally.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Yours truly

L. H. Worthington Engr

Trieste, 10 Feb. 1827

M. Meredith Esq.

Dear Sir of the 16th inst.

Your duty to [illegible] Pius
the Fifth & Pius the Sixth [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
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Office L & H R R Co
Scranton Dec 26 1851

Messrs Mitchell McNair & Co
Reading Pa.

Dr Sirs.

I have this moment rec'd
a Bill for the Mail & Reading R R Co for the Month
of Dec. for $85 & 15 cts $134.44. I have also just been
informed that faults in the Specifications were discovered in the
Work at both Ends - & as no such faults has been noticed in
the Case. How it stands the Work the prices are paid for
the Engine was very large, it has been so considered by
those who have seen her she is Complicated & finished &
I do not think it a fair thing, to Work under such
Circumstances. & make no Charge of any kind,
but as I proceed with it be seen as Contrary to
Nothing be made, but what is Right & how you
Consider the Matter & inform us what you Charge us
in the Premises.

I am Yours Respectfully

Wm Scranton Supt

Stirling Nov 27. 1851

Chas S Brown Esq
Manchester

Sir.

Since the rect of your
val favr of the 6th inst I have been extremely
ill, my illness has been occasioned by
anxiety between your letter & many others, I beg
leave to offer
you an apology for the delay. I return
the subject of your letter I cannot now give
you any thing encouraging, or any information
that will be an object for you to accept. We
have been ready to close with application,
& any thing the offers that is in my power
to do that you will mention, I will inform you
of it. altho I have not the pleasure of your acquaint
ance. I have heard favourably of you.
I am truly yours Resp.
You[illegible]

Gilbertson & Co
per Lumsden

Office Little Rock
Sept 17th 1858

A. J. Cochran Esq
Conway Ark

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst
came in my absence & on my return home I have
been confined to my house by indisposition & unable
to answer you letter. I will briefly say that we
shall be pleased to take your Coal. We are at this
moment engaged in putting down 6 feet in the
Canal which we can hardly accomplish for
want of water in a few days we can supply
you. the Coal will cost at Conway, not far from
$4.50 per Chaldron (a quantity of 36 bu. struck).
leaves on Cook. I have calculated the distance from
Clarendon to Conway, 76 miles. If I am right the price
named is correct. the Coal is excellent & will
give satisfaction. I intend to go to Conway soon
and shall be pleased to hear from you in relation
to the cost of Coal you think you will want &c.
In the Mean time I am

Very Truly & Respectfully

Yours

Geo W Clarke Engr

Wilmington Dec 2 1851

Messrs Jackson & Park

Gents

I have just returned from Brandywine and find your letter of the 27th left by my brother W.M.S. He being absent I reply for him. though I can only say that we have been more mortified at the disappointment expressed in getting Coal by you than in any other matter since we Commenced business, in a period of nearly 4 years I had hoped sometimes would make a good trading & I trust this will be the case notwithstanding. I hope my brothers health will be such as will enable him to see you. The charges of 75¢ you refer to as an overcharge will be corrected, he supposing it 8 Shillings each Ton to transport Coal to that point a great difficulty will be obviated when we can have, the fuel for our

Wilmington Dec 21 1897

Miss Ella Kenan

Kenansville

Dear Ella

Your kind letter reached me safely & I was glad to hear from home. I received the box of candy also & enjoyed it very much. Mary Lou Moore & Lula Kenan were here to see me Monday night & we had a very pleasant time. Mary Lou is going to Chapel Hill to school next session. I am very glad to hear that Mr Kenan is improving. Tell him I hope he will soon be well

and his offices shall be shared by you
a Majesty of Peace on the Shores of time
the practick & future Shelbeck & most
perfect Construction upon all
upon demonstration by

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Scranton Pa Dec. 9th 1881

Roswell Sprague. Esq
Pres. L & W R R Co.

Sir

Gen'l S. Scranton have sold three (3) Sach "Western R R Road to the Beam the W. L. Noyes. which please have the Kindness to deliver to Mr Noyes. on presentation of this order taking his receipt for the same Charge to our a/c

And remain Yours
Faithfully Yours
G.W. & S. Scranton

P.S. Mr Noyes has been in our Employ since the Commencement of the C.A. D.R.R. of which he was formerly as principal foreman on the road. and has given very general Satisfaction to all who have known him we sell him these Bonds at 90. which with the interest is only abt. 86½ to us:-

Yours G.W.S.

Cincinnati Dec. 7 1893

Mr. Samuel Thompson, Esq.
Pres. of the U. P. R'y Co.

Dear Sir

Inclosed I deliver to you
duly signed (3) deeds conveying U. P. Railroad &
its Branches to the Mercantile Trust Co. of New York.
The Mercantile Co. declares it has duly executed the above
trust & has made delivery of the bonds &
stocks to me as its
Duly authorized Agent
for delivery to you.

Mercantile Trust Co.
By N. Ide Vice Pres.

Office Lack. & Western R.R.
Scranton Dec. 9 1851

Colonel Hart Esq
Rochester N.Y.

Dr Sir

Your very excellent letter of the 26th I have this day rec'd. I regret exceedingly I was absent when it reached Mrs Place on a flying visit to Western N.Y. I spent a night on Jews plane reached there at 9 P.M. & left at 4. next morning. I left home with the intention of seeing you while at R. but on reaching that place found I was obliged to leave R. without calling on you. Effectually summon to be at your place again during this month when I shall hope to meet you.

In regard to the correspondence you think of between Scranton commencing in 1849. allow me to say that your letter was read with great satisfaction, & I felt that an acquaintance & trade would surely grow up between us that would be of great importance & mutually beneficial. I see no reason of nothing that stands in the way of this yet. I was pleased to learn that you had then on hand a stock of Coal, for I knew by the 1st of Jan that we could not supply the wants of Western N.Y. & that we C. not have enough of any description of Coal. My Brother & Collier on first location to Coal: he found you with a Locomotive & he was instructed to think of you when not anxious to do any thing with us then at a time, he Came home with a very favorable opinion of you & of your Harbor, & since of having it. he desired to introduce our Coal as extensively as possible that season & then left Scranton

Office of the Chief Clerk
Department of Public Works
Trenton, N.J.

Please here to [illegible] please to enter in an [illegible]
with them. I am taken as to not deal to any one the
[illegible] for from a Boundaries and with the Name
[illegible] and in chind to think they are not disposed to
[illegible] the meaning until they have the letter con
[illegible] of [illegible] Coal we send to Co. I may as mistak
[illegible] of that we like probably [illegible] pieces for Coal
[illegible] when a fuller Case than for Coal a Complain
[illegible] we know that not as to Countenance away by
saying that the Coal of such a place was all below
[illegible] for, the Act to Co. advertise for your loss and
publish them prices every year. No person is prohibited from
buying Coal to take when he chooses but into the year
[illegible] at Above except for small quantities, and for
[illegible] Charge. the prices are not fixed for the year and
may will not be higher, the probability is that they will be
[illegible] this will now know by Advertisement. We have a Steam
Coal Co over 200 ft. [illegible] when that is done, it will be more
[illegible] grade at the Northumberland Mountain from 700
to 31 ft. per mile, which will Cheapen the transportation
[illegible] Coal. We have not had a use of our
[illegible] Coal yet, the quality of the Coal, that we think does not
[illegible] not be any Objection [illegible] by any other Anthra
Coal in the World. I do not believe the Co to will
[illegible] to enter into Compromise, take as for the Market in
[illegible] Yet. They Cannot, made you a Check or we Have
[illegible] offered to you [illegible], we refuse to make a Compromise
[illegible] you Say "do not we understand me as offering any thing
[illegible] the way you [illegible] A Quantity of Measure"
[illegible] the Largest Opinion of you wholly to Continue
[illegible] of [illegible] No Mean Case [illegible] in your Interest

Dear Sir

Enclosed we forward the Commutation of Coal Mine for Crew. & it will give us pleasure to furnish you 8 or 10.000 tons next year at Ithaca, at prices that will be satisfactory to both parties.

It is my Opinion that Coal has been sold lower for the Quantity than it will be next Season & it is that no money has been made & some have lost. You see the D. & H. Co. have made a 3 for Div. with 8 as usual, & their stock fallen from 170 & 90. & between the last & this?

I should be happy to have you come & see us & see the Coal we are using & shall next year & I hope to hear from you by letter at your early convenience. next time I shall have more pretty in custom & you. but I am preparing to come for New York in the morning, & this must serve, an apology for this brief & hasty reply. trusting that I have said sufficient to show that we desire to cultivate a friendly feeling & acquaintance with you.

I am very truly yours &c &c

Wm McGraw Supt

Office of Lake Michigan & Mississippi Railroad Co.

Shawneetown Illinois

January 7th 1859

A. Kinsley Esq
Chicago Ill

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 4th inst. (and Address to Mr Hurrell) has been received, and shall have our best attention.

The charge upon the C&A R.R. will be so great to allow us to deliver Coal by that route at such a rate as will leave us a supply of Coal at the Buffalo Springs at the former place Lasalle but will not be of such profit to the Company as that Mines will be about the same at either place as the freight will be about $5— per ton standard weight and I suppose in a few days this matter will be definitely settled. You can obtain the required information from the Supt to whom I have referred. We trust you will find it to your interest to patronize our Railroad. Both the Coal is known to Dealers and Consumers as the Diamond Coal.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm H Swaney Supt

Chicago

Dear Mr. Wells

Thanks for your favor of the 17th inst. and
for the interest you have taken in the matter.
I have written to the Secretary of the Treasury
and have received a reply, a copy of which I
inclose herewith. I have also written to the
Collector of Customs at Chicago, and have
received a reply, a copy of which I inclose
herewith. I have also written to the Collector
of Customs at Chicago, and have received a reply,
a copy of which I inclose herewith. I have also
written to the Collector of Customs at Chicago,

Office of the Kanawha & Ohio Rail Road Co.
Gauley Bridge Jan 15th 1862

Chas Ellmaker Esq
New York

Dear Sir

Since we received from the foreman of the Gauley Bridge Co. the last statement for December, we have had to forward monthly accounts of the 1st year, the same have been rendered to the 31st ult. at Gauley Bridge, but some coal from that place should be kept upon the books as usual, till we can get it out from this place.

Yours truly
Ellmaker and Agt
per D. Lorentz

Dear Sir &c Scranton Pa Jan 24 1862

I received 2 def. Drafts on us
R Sperry Jr. which we are in use of many dys
C.O.D. for Coal. I think you have got them back
in Ithaca. I want you after agent & see us &
will settle the whole of it - give you discount if
you can use. I think you had better come
over the first of next week. write the Agt. I did
not allow your transportation after to go into the
settlement & Cr. of Co. when last in N.Y. I let
our folks have taking away your bread & butter
what you must keep all you have earned &
keep you can get a def. Draft with our
[illegible] At I believe, or warranty: You can tell
him this as good as anybody pays.
I send you a bill of all you owe on Coal if any of
you have to C.O.D. for Coal, pay promptly. I have settled
all your old matters: I have the memo. in which
I note down for what you remitted: you had
better get the def. Draft in time & must for next
day as banks are now closed [illegible] Sat. 1st Feb. Dodge says Manufacturers
Bank. or the Market will do: Note paper if you
may have if you cannot get it at Ithaca: we stand
on the market is a little off: on 3 pr. cent.
paper: which will be pd in N.Y. at maturity, without
discount, as many Country Customers ask for
Exchange: I have not time to write more: with our
kind regards to you all I am as ever Yours truly
Yours Thomas [illegible] any thing else you
do all you can to collect.

Mon cher ami

Je reçois à l'instant ta lettre
du 24 mars. Je suis
[illegible] que tu [illegible]
[illegible] Je [illegible]
[illegible] Je [illegible]
[illegible] Je

Office Secretary & Treasurer
R. R. Co. Scranton Jan. 2nd 1852

Three Months after date please pay to the order of Wm. H. Humphrey Esq. Sup't Coal & Iron R.R. Two Hundred Dollars for value rec'd and charge to account of

Wm. H. Sayre Esq.
Asst. Treas. & Engineer
Penn. Coal & Iron R.R. Co.
New York

Very Resp'y Your Obt. Sv't
Geo. M. Scranton Sec'y & Treas

Office Secretary & Treasurer
R. R. & Co. Scranton Pa. Jan. 15th 1852

Three Months after date please pay to the order of Wm. H. Humphrey Esq. Sup't Coal & Iron R.R. Two Hundred Dollars for value rec'd and charge to account of

Ithiel Sprague Esq.
Asst. Treas. Penn. R.R. Co.
New York

Very Resp'y Your Obt. Sv't
Geo. M. Scranton Sec'y & Treas

Office Lehigh R.R. Co.

E. S. Phelps Esq Pres

Easton Jan 24, 1852

Dr Sir.

Yours of the 21 inst was duly rec'd noticed. I had hoped for new Contracts with Mr Dickerson for Coal, last week, but it is not late yet. we learn that he is now prepared to supply some & probably other places with Coal more liberally & that Mr Dickerson from some time the Superintendent of the place has lately returned from Illinois, —

I have now been at home nearly a month, & am kept very busy here. The weather continues very severe, & we have but very 2 trains of Coal per week, & it took 2 days for a train to reach Phila. We think it too probable to run Coal thro weather, as we had it 8 days with the Passenger train which has frequently 2 days, until to day to get it thro. the first day or night that a slight thaw set in, all trains were stopped, & we have got along well, & as soon as the weather moderates we shall send more Coal.

Mr Nicholson has been quite sick. Confined to the house for over 12 days. took down new Years day. Expects to come down on Tuesday to spend several days with us. Kidder will meet him here, & the final touch will then be given to the "Iron & Coal Bill" & put in train. Judge Kennedy has drawn the Bill, he thinks it in the most perfect state. the Secretary & the Solicitor can then look over it, & when done shall start the bill & myself with me & return

by the morning train: we shall present a strong front at Harrisburg in our behalf. I am [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] for my [illegible] [illegible] & believe we shall succeed in getting a [illegible] favorable act of incorporation. I will write to you after our interview with Judge [illegible] & send you a copy of the bill

We are in rec^t of two propositions for our Coal [illegible] [illegible]: One of the parties is to be here next week. the cost will not be so much, as we estimated at New York. the cost of one that will work 400 tons a day, all put into operation will be [illegible] of $[illegible]

I expect Mr Humphrey here next week, I have sent him 2 drafts of [illegible] on [illegible] on Mr Sprague [illegible] on a/c of transportation. please inform Messrs [illegible] to accept. I have [illegible] Mr H. to urge the collection of balances due on Coal & also requested him to pay over the [illegible], now in his hands, which [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] he got the proceeds of the drafts. I have sent him.

The new vein of Coal (from which Mr Blair sent to Humphrey) promises to be something extra, probably 14 ft or more thick. a load was sent to me yesterday & we are using it in our grates [illegible]. I never have used its equal. it makes [illegible] the least ashes of any coal I [illegible] [illegible] & I [illegible] [illegible] the Canal [illegible] to be of great value. & will be easily reached by a [illegible] road 50 Rods long: connecting with Canal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. near our Sand banks. in the prospect [illegible] known as the [illegible] tract, back of the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Coal S.O.P. Sh^d sell to [illegible], w^d go [illegible] from the Mine [illegible] [illegible] great [illegible] to our Customers [illegible]; we are going to try [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] furnace, [illegible] [illegible] as soon as we can get out sufficient quantity.

We feel a good deal of anxiety about the Contest with the Pres. & fear Gen Sherman we shall not be disappointed in getting it in Oct. Ohio 1000 ten a thousand majority. Ind. no doubt safe for that not a few Democrats will vote for the measure. Illinois has also been replaced from my Counties Maryland, about safe for the Union ticket

The Radicals of Mr. Marsh's Rail are very prepared, and will soon be ready for trial -

I have just finished a long letter to Mr. Hutchinson Rochester. William Seely, descendant of Hester. Please ask Mrs. my daughter very sick on my return home was told that I left N.Y. on Saturday. She is much improved. I will write to you early next week.

Please present my kind regards to Mrs. Phelps. Children with them (as well as yours) many very kind wishes for them. I shall ever cease to be grateful for. our welcome -

Very Truly Yours &c &c

Geo Anderson

Please say to Mr. Gen. & his letters in &c, the writing of the Engineer prepared to make for us by Sunday. we think it will be up. If Mr. Engineer thinks they may be done I will get him to make his Estimate.

Yours truly

Office Lackawanna & Western
R.R. Co. Scranton Pa. June 26 1871

Mr. A. A. Ross
St. Louis Mo.

Dr Sir

We learn thro' Mess Phelps Dodge & Co of New York that you sell Anthracite Coal & will want to purchase Coal next season. We shall be pleased to know if you get your supply from us. probably it will be best to get it thro' our Agent Mr. Parker of Buffalo. We now Expect to sell from 25 to 35 thousand tons of Coal to go to Western consumption thro' the Markets west of us.

We have not yet fixed the price of Coal deliverable at Buffalo, but it will not be over $5.25 & may be less for large orders — it will be of the very best grades & Company for quick dispatch. Any information you may desire in regard to the Markets &c we shall be pleased to give. We refer you to Mr Parker also who can give a correct statement of the cost of transportation from Cayuga & the (when & high it) to Buffalo from we have.

We shall be glad to hear from you. stating the kind & you will want & any information relative to other Markets west. & you may require

Yours Most Respt
for H. & O
Thos. Sloan Genl Agt

$1197.\frac{25}{100}$ Dolly

Office Lack.a & Western R. Road
Scranton Jan 29th 1853

Three months after date please pay to the order of J. L. Stanburn Esq.r Treas. N.Y. & E. R.R. Co. Eleven Hundred and Ninety Seven $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars for Labor &c and Charge as advised to

Very Respectfully Yours &c
Geo. Sharpless Jr. Supt

Russell Sprague Esq
Asst. L. & W. R.R. Co.
New York City

Col. J. H. H. Park Supt
Ft. Grand. N. Y.

Dear Sir

Allen Filler for my Acct. on account of Treas. Erie & Ohio R.R. Co for $1197.25 Inst. and you in time to forward to the Treasurer before that date, I had not had time to examine your Acct. before you leave there Correct.

Please do all you can to get Cars to Carbondale to send the Coal to Dundaff. We shall write from us to send Coal to Dundaff. We shall write from you the Month, Letter.

Very Truly Yours &c
Geo. Sharpless Jr.

No 1171.

Mr. Wells

Stanton Va Jan 28 1852

J D Imboden Esq

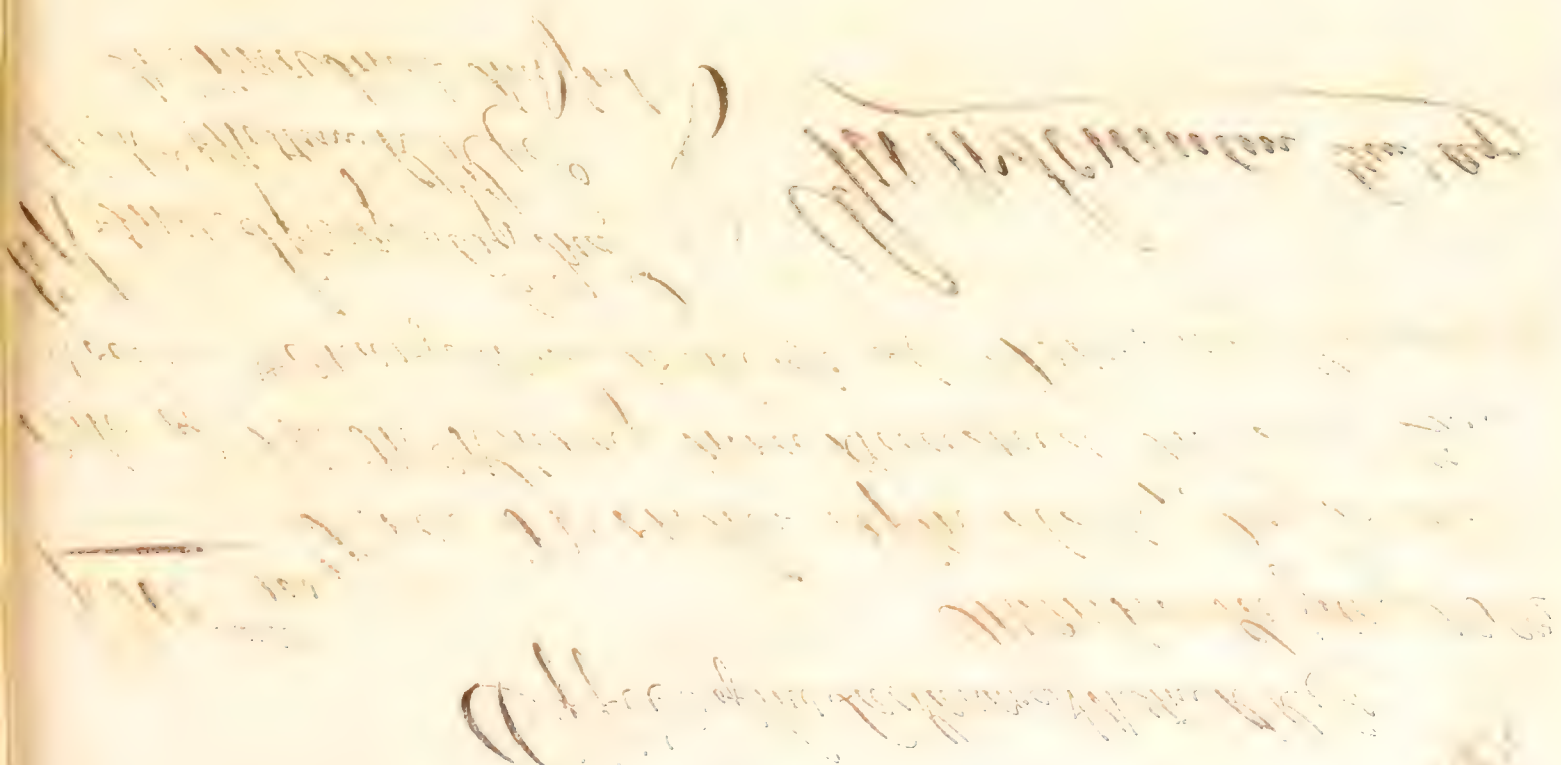
Dr Sir

Enclosed I hand you my draft on the Farmers Bank of Va at Richmond for Seventy two Dollars, the Cost you will please have taken out of the Court of Appeals, and forwarded to me, if it cannot be found, but have not yet received it,

Yours Very Respectfully

Wm H Brannon Jun Esq

for J D Imboden



Office Last [illegible]
Rec'd Canandaigua Dec. 31 1834

Jas C McKinney Esq
Binghamton N.Y.

Sir

The Petitions & draft for
Town Statement &c of the [illegible] Road
&c. from the Steamboat House to be delivered to the
Supervisors of the Town of Binghamton being the
Petition of Daniel Morgan &c 103 &c. and the
Petition of Henry Root for the use of Lots 9 Main Road —
You will be the Lowest price Charged by you Grading
& Coal at your Mines Per Yard.

In obedience of the Above [illegible] &c of 1831 the Jus-
tices of Broome Common Pleas and Justices
of the Peace for Broome have been duly
[illegible] Chosen of [illegible] Supervisors
[illegible] Town in Consequence of [illegible]
[illegible] Order of the Board of Supervisors the
[illegible] Records Books [illegible] the Clerk
Office which being [illegible] and
[illegible] Records [illegible] Books
[illegible] Records & Papers [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Returning & Commissioners to be heard at the Next
Court Opening of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions
through the Country, so that they may [illegible]
[illegible] Appeal proceedings or Proceedings of the Board
[illegible]
[illegible] & Documents in Your Office.

As a further inducement for you to give us a
trial Order, we will of accept your Draft
at Sight made at Your place; and for the
amount or part of the 13000 Lbs. [illegible]
left agent for you at the [illegible] and will
allow you to receive after as you may direct.
Should the Tariff [illegible] of 1833. not
will [illegible] [illegible] Coal, [illegible]
other Articles in Dispute, Then you [illegible]
of this Contract, please [illegible]
3/5 ton. It shall be understood that we do
interfere or take orders [illegible] from any Persons
the line of the Chenango Canal between Utica
Utica for the market we will allow to you
Rate of 2,90 per ton the reason the market at that time
for our own sales. If you [illegible] prefer
that you cannot dispose of the 13000 tons before
[illegible], then in that Case we will allow
you to Store at Utica, or at the Pier Canal as for
as Rome with liberty to sell such portion of the
same as you may want.

If you do not [illegible] on Agent [illegible] to be
present at Every Examination. Either of which
Certificate of all that we shall have to do from. Your Answer
[illegible] to be pleased to Confirm you, or will you give
Order of $4 to, per ton, to Canada Coal to
which we [illegible] all to pay. [illegible]
Express. Expecting an early answer

I am Most Respectfully Your Obt Servt

[illegible]

Allentown Sept 2 1852

Gen. H. M. Fuller

My dear Sir.

It is now a long way past mid night & I have been prevented by a throng of visitors from getting the contract prepared as soon as I desired. I beg you to look at one & if not right send me a form that I can copy, but as far as the Corporation only is concerned it can be executed & there is much that can be done for St. Louis, but I trust that you will on Natural principles. Gebhard can [illegible]

1st. I hope the Contract may be given for [illegible] to S. at 50 p.h mile if W. I will guarantee Gebhard shall have the line for Saratoga to [illegible] for 30 p. mile. he [illegible] to [illegible] to all Counsel;

[illegible] to address the Corporation [illegible] Office, and all that you do for us [illegible] only place us under more [illegible] [illegible] shall always [illegible] [illegible] expected.

[illegible] that the Contract with [illegible] Gebhard Bates & will [illegible] [illegible] you as often as [illegible]

I am Sir very Truly [illegible]

Wm. H. Seward

Office Lackawanna & Western
R.R. Co. Scranton Pa Feb 2 1852

Dr Sir,

The Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company hereby propose to carry the mail six times a week each way over their road, from Scranton to Great Bend (distance 58 miles) delivering the mail at all Offices on the line now established or to be hereafter established within Eighty rods of the Road, for the sum of Fifty Dollars per Mile. running to & from the Mail train the New York & Erie R.R. receiving & delivering the mail to & from the Mail Agent on that Road & delivering the Mail at the Office in Scranton free of any extra Charge to the P.O. Department.

We will also propose to carry the mail from Scranton to Hillsborough (distance Eighteen Miles) six times a week each way. running in connection with & from the Mail train proposed to be established on the L & W. R.R. agreeable to any Schedule for time & that may be reasonable and which may be for the interest of the Public & the P.O. Dep for the sum of Fifty Dollars per Mile.

We will further propose to furnish a man of unexceptionable Character. Strict integrity. fully competent (to act as Deputy P.M. General if desired) as Mail Agent, & for whom the undersigned will be responsible, for the sum of Five Hundred & Fifty Dollars per Annum.

Very Respectfully. Yours &c
Wm. W. Scranton Gen'l Agt

For more particular information relative to routes
ing then could as herein proposed, & as to the policy or propriety
of changing any part containing any of the present mail route
in that section. (provided the Mail is placed on the L & W R.R.
we beg to refer you to the Hon. P. McPherson, Post G.R. Wash
ton & P.E. McGilchrist Esq. Post in Harrisburg. all of
them are intimately acquainted with all the post of Northum
berland, we also beg to refer you to a Map furnished the Depart
ment shewing the line of the R.R. & places. Contiguous thereto &
We believe it is desired by the Public generally, that the
mail shd be carried on the R.R. & that the route shd be
established by the Department from Pt Penn to Hollidaysburg
the New York Mail & then reach both Penn daily, also by
it new regulations two days. When such change is made
all the mail matter for New York, that now goes from Ba. &
via Easton, and all mail matter on the East side of Sus. R. &
to or below to Penn, to go from Penn to Berwick & Bloomsburg &
thence to Sunbury & Penn route. Also the mail for Centre
& N.Y. that now leaves Ha. Penn & Hagerstown Valley, via Shook-
stown, Mercersburg & Chambersburg, & the Penn & Ohio Mail
Route, which cd not fail to increase greatly the present mail
Service between Penn & Hollidaysburg.

The Passenger train now runs to & connects with the
Mail train going, east only on the L.V.R.R. & arrives
Scranton at 8. A.M. arrives at the East at 10. A.M. the mail
train on Erie R.R. leaves going, East. at 11.13. the train leaves
N.Y. at 8. A.M. arrives at the East 6. P.M. Left in
the Penn & Delaware Bay, leaves at P. & arrives at the East at
4. 4. 45. which allow us 6 more hours at all P. Office
Ha. Penn at 10. A.M. Hoping these may please you, we be

Yr Most Obedient Servants

Wednesday at 10 p.m.

Hamilton Oct 2 1832.

Hon Stephen Cox
Sir

Your valued favors of the 24th ult. was duly rec'd. I regret that I could not have answered it sooner, I most gladly do so as I can at this moment. I do not be happy to attend your meeting on the 4th inst but that will be impossible, I hope you will have a full & spirited meeting. Burlington is deeply interested in the project & can do much to help it thro' if they have the will.

Protest your remarks relative to what the Lincoln Co of Del & Cobb Gov., that the R.Y. & C.H.R.R. Co & they to run all one & that they will soon contract to have a road from the Ct. House to St. J. & that we are to run the Cayuga line. I will hope they will put round & forget it. It cannot be intended that our just influence for the G. & R.R. & Lake is to be lost & sunk for that interest! Suppose the Burlington & Syracuse R.R. Co. should surrender the G. & L. (which I do not) & the Co. consider the advantages to be derived on the L. by the completion of the R. & L. for more than or 5 years in that.

The Del. & Cobb Gov. &c. in my opinion is all the fault, it is only a question of time. It must be the next great Avenue opened & supply the increase, from the Anthracite Coal on the Lackawanna, the Consumption of Coal in 1841. was by Gov Ross 1,000,000 ton. in 1851. it will be in 1861. it will be 5,000,000. Some Estimate it at 10. even then is it to go from, all the present improvement must be, say on 5 per million of the Canal Estimate.

Wellington, 27th Oct. 1896.

My dear Father,

Many thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. which I received by the last mail. I am glad to hear that you are all well, and that you enjoyed your trip to Auckland. I suppose you will be leaving Auckland for Rotorua in a few days now. I should like very much to go there myself, but I am afraid I shall not be able to get away from here for some time yet. I have been very busy lately, and have had to work in the evenings as well as during the day. I am getting on very well with my work, and like it very much. I have been to the theatre twice since I last wrote to you. The first time was to see Mr. Irving in "Louis XI", and the second time was to see Mr. Willard in "The Middleman". I enjoyed both performances very much indeed. I am sorry that I cannot afford to go to the theatre more often, but I have to be very careful with my money, as I have to pay my own board and lodging, and also have to buy my own clothes. I have been very busy lately, and have had to work in the evenings as well as during the day. I am getting on very well with my work, and like it very much. I have been to the theatre twice since I last wrote to you. The first time was to see Mr. Irving in "Louis XI", and the second time was to see Mr. Willard in "The Middleman". I enjoyed both performances very much indeed. I am sorry that I cannot afford to go to the theatre more often, but I have to be very careful with my money, as I have to pay my own board and lodging, and also have to buy my own clothes.

& know of no prospects [illegible] from any of the
Coal regions that begin to offer so large inducements
or promise to bear a return [illegible] Get a little [illegible]
in my opinion it must be the new improvement leading
[illegible] of the Coal regions: when built [illegible] to [illegible]
extreme then it will be connected at or near the Water
Gap with the New Jersey Roads & [illegible]
Trenton & Phil.a R.R. this is perfectly consistent &
believing on that line.

The N.Y. & E. R.R. Co. [illegible] to [illegible]
no way connected, except by a contract for having [illegible]
[illegible]ship. We are friendly & feel a strong interest in
that Co. & always have & I hope always shall, but as
regards the building the Del. Water Gap they never
interfered in any way or [illegible] with. In my
opinion they will never [illegible] than they can [illegible]
[illegible] Central Penn.a [illegible] region [illegible] at present it
will be more of all others; imagination has
often preceded reason by connecting & [illegible] collateral
lines of public improvements. I have yet to learn which
any such predictions have proved true, to at least to a
very great extent.

If a continuous line of Railway was built from
[illegible] to N.Y. in sections as named by yourself
interests would point out the details of operating
the different Roads for the advantage of the whole.

The L & W. R.R. when the tunnel is completed will be
48 mi long, [illegible] 53. m. for the [illegible] to
N.Y. not far from 80. [illegible] high grades, it [illegible]
less than 70 m, how much will have to be built to get
good grades: not yet fully settled!

I am sorry that I have not had time to give
you more information relative to the subject matter of
your letter, but I have been absent from home
for some days, & have not had a moment at com-
mand, until used up by the cold & hurry, hurry to do
this information that I can give you at any time
I am at liberty to command

I am very truly & sincerely
Yr Obt Svt

Geo. M. Sumner

Office Lt H R R Co
Syracuse Feb 3 1862

Dear Sir.

Yours dated San. of the 31st ult
was this moment rec'd & noted, & before I proceed
further I let me beg to apologize for not answering
them for 48 hrs. I have had a perfect storm of
business thrown by return mail. Many new & im-
portant things accumulated & I have had more than I
can able to do of & they have & I hope you will pardon
me for the delay.

Now in reference to yours of 29 ult. when
I say that I shall be glad to see you here next
week or any other time I am just under the impression
that they may expect me there on the 10th inst &
now calculate to be in Utica abt the 24th inst. a day in
either way for that date will make no material difference
to me. I will arrange to be in Owego on Friday the 12th & in
Utica on Saturday, the 13th. Now if will suit you to meet me at
either of the above places on the 24 25 & 26. letter
from to Utica here at any time previous to the 11th inst please
to inform me. & will arrange to Canton & you with -

With reference to that Engine Builders I will say that
I am got the Contract to supply the Erie R R with 6000 tons of
Rails, between then & eight or Oct. we shall have our hands full
to fill their order. & I not hopeful enough to do more as
we may then, now, unless they are supplied -
Latham - Close a Contract for 15000 tons each for the

Line of the Chemung Canal, between Utica & the [illegible]
[illegible] Canal, at the Basin near Utica, & [illegible]
case to pass the Locks. Except upon all proper occasions to
Grant to Masters of [illegible] they pass the Canal to Chemung
[illegible] the Canal & get a Horse, & not to travel
after [illegible] nor to Race you will find it for your
to [illegible] Utica & the Canal Collectors &c. for your pleas-
ure upon the Canal Line.

Hoping to expect to hear from you by the mail
I am very truly Yours

Wm. M. Stevens

Office Lackawanna & Western R.R. Co
Scranton Feb 3rd 1852

Miss Phebe
Dear Sir

Since my return from New York, we have made a more diligent search for a prop of timber in my ground than we previously had ever been able to find in my several years — search, & during all this time I have not discovered a stump & from a root & you left me. Your letter of the 22nd ult: was duly rec'd with your Certificate of which was perfectly correct. I thank you for your kindness in so promptly attending to my business & hope you may be amply rewarded for it. I wish I could see you & have a chat with you, but I am so completely occupied with my business that I fear I shall not be able to visit Boston for the present, but if you should ever visit Scranton I hope you will call & see me. I am making preparations to commence the erection of a breaker for the purpose of preparing Coal for market. Coal is going to bring much better prices this year than last, & we shall be ready to ship from 1000 to 1500 tons per day by the 1st of May. I am pleased to see that your prospects look so favorable for business in the different sections you visit. I hope you may be successful in your Coal trade in Boston & in the Connecticut River, you have undertaken, & that your calculations & preparations may be realized to the advantage you will receive.

My intention now is to leave here the last of next week, shall probably spend the remainder of the week in Albany & Buffalo, shall be at home on Monday following, will then be happy to hear from you.

[illegible] Buffalo on Tuesday, when will be the 16th inst.
[illegible] I shall be glad to hear from you, & have a long talk, & [illegible]
[illegible] may be got on Thursday & go with me. I shall be perfectly
[illegible] for Pittsburgh, & for a time that I prefer, when will be
[illegible] the time [illegible] & can enter into, but can well
[illegible] decide on that after we meet. I hope it may be so
[illegible]. I saw Mr Capt Evans, at that time, he told me he
[illegible] Mr Mc Cormick with you for the season, & was to have
[illegible] a proposition for a small steamer to run between
[illegible] Erie & Buffalo to suit the Navy to draw the Bowes-

We do know, what it is Coal Cars for Mr Mc Cormick
[illegible] have to run large Propellers under Contract.
[illegible] Mr Mc Cormick & a Coal Breaker. Should, therefore,
[illegible] Mr Mc will propose 1000 tons a day, to be delivered at
[illegible] Opportunities of the 1st May. to you, as we propose
[illegible] to do from the, to January 1st. I feel very
[illegible] that if we get the Coal once introduced
[illegible] Lake Boats, no doubt is made but that hereafter they
[illegible] will [illegible] go [illegible] with it.

Expecting to see you to-day, when we can have
[illegible] full Consult together I will add nothing further now.

I enclose the proposition you sent me some time ago. It has
been impossible to get Coal from the Pa & Ohio
[illegible] Company yet.

[illegible] a Contract Coal would be 15000 tons to go
[illegible] Chicago, Green Bay, during the Season of
[illegible] Navigation

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Cleveland Oct 8th 1852

Dear Sir

Enclosed herein please find my draft on D. Sprague Esq. in favor of Chas. Cist for $1250 & on Chas. Cist for $250 & Remain by $1100. Now Sir I will thank you please acknowledge rec't of the same by return mail as soon as they are duly collected, & let me know if you desire to do not feel at liberty. I have for my Counsel not to advance a dime for the delivery of the books. Your best plan is to wage forward the books, per rail road as soon as possible & forward the cash & receipt as at least possible. Over the value of the books you draw sight for & forward with the receipt. You must not be disappointed in the Book trade, but they are [illegible] sure to pay. You must make handsome profits now the delivery is made so good to get the books printed. I hope you will be quite sure in receipt, for that is my principal object to have the [illegible] of the Book to your profit. You [illegible] for good books will be rapidly & duly injured by the pestilence of a dry drought season.

Mr Blair will give you what funds you may require for Cash books. You must be willing to allow me some of your profits to go on the [illegible] you [illegible] with kind remembrance I am dear Sir very truly & respectfully Yours &c

[illegible]

Office Lackawanna Iron
N.J. Scranton Jan 16th 1853

Sir Please ask from you by the work
of Chas. Scranton & Co. Eastern Lumber Yard
Value rec'd and Charge as advised &
Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. H. Scranton Gen'l Agt

Wm. H. Sprague
Gen. Supt. L. & W. R.R. Co
New York City

Office Lackawanna Iron
R.R. Co. Scranton, Pa. Jan 16 1853

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New York City

Ithica L & W. R.R. Co.
Ithaca Feb. 5 1852

John L Shepherd Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have just rec'd a letter from Abel Clevenger. He is going to Cleveland Ohio next week & wishes to meet me & the Secretary in New York, to close a Coal Contract. I have just written to Mr Cagin, that I will meet him at Owego on the 12th inst & at Binghamton the 13th or at Scipville on the 16th or at Elmira the 24th or at this place any time previous to the 11th inst. He wrote me by Early mail, if it were in the power of our Co. to sell him on the Cars, as prepared & Broken as it will be delivered & suppose it now. I hope to hear from him or from Mr Randall.

He has closed a Contract with Mr S L Loss of Scranton for a Coal breaker & Engine to be run 2 Screens, 4 pockets, & all to be set & put into successful operation by May 1st for $3800, he has the right to make the boilers & Castings there, & the cost of $800, which is to be deducted. He is to furnish an Engineer man & boy & the Coal during 2 months & build dock, which will be at our expense. The whole Cost of the Breaker will be not less than $7000. and it prevents to break & Screen 400 tons per day. I hope Mr Clevenger will see Mr Hall & get a first rate job for us. If it is to be for any other, and at a very reasonable price. The plan is the same as the most approved now in use in Schuylkill Co.

Since I last wrote we have had quite a snow storm, the

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20240

Sept. 3, 1942

Memorandum for the President:

Subject: Proposed Executive Order Establishing the War Relocation Authority

Pursuant to the discussion at the Cabinet meeting on August 28, 1942, I have prepared the attached draft of a proposed Executive Order establishing the War Relocation Authority.

The Order would create the War Relocation Authority as an agency of the United States, with a Director appointed by the President. The Director would be authorized to prescribe regulations governing the relocation, care, and management of persons subject to evacuation from military areas designated by the Secretary of War or the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command.

The Order would also provide that the Director may, with the approval of the Secretary of War, establish and maintain such facilities as may be necessary for the relocation of evacuees, and may provide for the employment of evacuees in such activities as may be undertaken on Federal reclamation projects or other Federal lands.

Respectfully,

Harold L. Ickes

Ploughing is very fine. I have nothing of
and to the Harvest. The Corn wheat & Barley promises
fine crops. Oats and Peas if the growing Continues favourable
we must expect not less than an average. The wheats are very fine
in appearance & promise well. I have sent him drafts on the
Bank of Upper Canada for £30. Dated Jan 30th at 6 mos for £15.0.
Drafts on Montreal Jan 31st 6 mos for £30 0s. pleasing that the
Bank will discount the 3rd day please have the kindness to have
the drafts on presentation. The probability is that we shall get
600 wheat for Oats as fast as they can be Ploughed here. I am
in fortunate Not to Can get them from him the Bank as have more
not known. In my Opinion in the next 300 days wheat for
Pot ashes will not Cost any more than is actually required
Cost only 1/8 to 1/10 Oats 2d per bushel. Peas 2/6 per
1.80 cwt.

The Rev Mr Kinney of Shipshawa has sold last week the fourth
of our Lots & got that block of land surrounding the Fire Hall square
belonging to the Town Corporation. There is no land about the village for
a mile & the Town as yet is not 18. the more we shall want than is
sufficient to cover the Town as at present. We think of Building
if Mr Smith it was 300 to 400 ft long & 80 ft wide each story.
16 ft at the least & 20 ft at the upper. We think if Mr Dodge will
Lease or sell to the Old Province (which is Lot No 20) Not to be
Leased a Block of 16 to 20 ft 30 to 24 ft deep. The L. Can Prov
to Province Steamer if we Can get it for this price. I think we
Lay it, the Stock of Coal Lies on the west side of Erie about 6 miles West
from Cleveland. The Harbour has been cut out with the Lake Shore
Mr Stewart first Cousin has a Large Interest in the Lake Shipping
Company however, we must get him into the R.R. Office when this
is finished in Sept 0 Office by another eight ft. We may be Consulted
attend to both Offices & Send Statements weekly & do the business in
a Satisfactory manner to himself or me to the Bank.

I sent for Albright to Berlin N.Y. on Monday expect him back by Saturday or Sunday. Check to send you a Draft on Chase immediately after his return. I will write to Lee for Buffalo & Western N.Y. Journals, and last Thursday I sent an Invoice Letter from which I expect N.Y. & New Orleans a great deal down my return settlement enjoy to my Company heartily.

Look the Lebanon & Leeds out a Pamphlet for Company the Mail to me Albany & Rochester to day. Have Letter & Envelopes & Seal to the Letter I C Mr Whitehead the Cattle has gone on to Bird for the time made half rate 1/2 $30. per mile. Length of R. 58 Miles

Please say to Mr Kelly that I have sent Mr Hamilton 4 Mo. Jan of Sol Lee. for the Bal of Co. R. R. Office, at $400, which pls account. with pleasure & remain to same at present.

Mr Parker Curtis Corresponding Letter for Rochester, in reference to Coal.

Very Resp. Yours &c

H. W. Sherwood Esq

Stevens Oct. 5 1852

Messrs Hussey & Co
Bank.

Yours of the 2nd inst is just rec'd. Am much surprised. Was not aware that I owed you one cent. Was under impression that I had overdrawn my account. Had I not supposed it was all right. The only reason I have to pay large drafts in New York when I need to forget business or remember. You will please honor Sundry drafts that you have drawn or may draw on me for Stevens Note for $1000 or any part of it at Mechanics Bank, and advise me of same & amount that may be drawn. Settle with you when I come to B.

Your acceptance of the Draft in favor of Mr Stevens by all means keep good. I will meet that draft of your bills however unfortunately.

Most Resp'y Yours

Wm H. Stevens

Scranton Pa. Feb. 6, 1872.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your favor of the 5th inst. I have to say, that we will take wood as per specified in your letter, if suited. Commence for hauling at Cars: $1.25 per Cord; 1 for Camp to the N.Y.L.&W. R.R. — 30 cts. to per. Cord; You furnishing N.Y. & the P.R.R. — hauling and loading the wood — at least 100 Cords in a day. Not in keeping with the regular trains on the Road.

We want no ties (not have any reference to fence boards &fencing Contracts I know nothing, Mr. [illegible] does not know about, must be consulted).

I shall endeavor as soon as the warm weather approaches so that I can attend about it, see you on the premises, in reference to the unsettled right of way in your case. If you desire it adjusted before, will send Mr. Nicholson at any time you shall first request.

Yours respectfully,

Geo. H. Scranton

Wm. Ward Esq.

Memo for Mr. [illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible]

Scranton, Pa. Feb. 6, 1852.

Prof. Chas. M. White
Wilmington
Del.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you $1000, on my note which please indorse in presence of Mr. Hefe Fetwen the bearer & exchange it for mine & give a Collateral Circulation to the money as far as possible.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. H. Scranton

$1311.$^{00}_{100}$ Dolls

Office Lackawanna & Western
R. R. Co. Scranton Pa Feb. 10th 1852

Three Months after date please pay to the
Order of Wm R. Humphrey Superintendent. Bayues dues
B. R. Co. Thirteen hundred and Eleven $^{00}_{100}$ Dollars
for value rec'd. and charge to account of

Very Resp. Your Obt. Svt
Wm Scranton Supt

Wm R. Humphrey Esqr
Agent L. & W. R. R. Co.
New York City

Scranton Feb 9th 1852

Wm R. Humphrey Esq
Dear Sir.

Above please find draft for $1311.$^{00}_{100}$ in accordance with your letter of the 3d inst. (which reached me this morning) for one hundred tons N. R. Anthracite Coal to be delivered on board the Canal at Ithaca the last of May or 1st June next. I expect to be in Ithaca the last of next week when we will close up the old balance and settle upon other matters.

Truly Yours &c
Wm Scranton Supt

1811. 25 Oct.

Office Lack. & Western R.R. Co
Scranton. Feb. 10th 1852

Mr. W. F. Hinsdale
Chicago. Ill

Dear Sir.

Your ltr of the 31st ult. is duly rec'd. in reply we have to say that we shall be pleased to know you get your supply of Coal from us or from Buffalo or Oswego or Buffalo. Our Coal we find to make better iron than the Lackawanna Valley, but it is very dusty coal better for any purpose than most any other Anthracite Coal I know of & just as good as Lehigh for Cupola furnaces We use here in the manufacture of Iron, 4 in Cupola furnaces, German steam &c in one year 40,000 tons a year & when in full operation near 60,000 tons. We have used at other works in New Jersey, Lehigh, Wyoming, Beaver Meadow Pocono &c &c for years, & we know our Coal is better for us than any we ever had for the Lehigh region, it is very dusty, burns free with a long flame & never Clinkers

We have not fully settled on prices for this year, but the probability is that we shall charge 2.90 cts at Ithaca, for delivery on Cayuga & Seneca Canal & $3 at Ithaca, for delivery on Cayuga & Seneca Lakes — we cannot calculate the delivery of Coal at Oswego & Buffalo, but shall, at the time, at the two principal places. Coal ought to be taken for Ithaca & Oswego $4 per ton & for B. & C. for 10/— the above prices are for Lump Coal prepared Coal will cost 25 cts more, as we are getting machinery to prepare Coal. the price of Coal on the Lakes will be higher this year than last, as the Com-

Mr. W. J. Hinkley
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Sir. Yours rec'd the 31st ult. re

Having lost Money on Coal last Year.

We have already made Several Contracts. 1 for 6000 to 15000 Tons each. & We have put one a Gentleman purchasing for 25000 Tons -

We have no Coal in Oswego now but have Several Thousand Tons at Ottawa. which can be moved on the Opening of Lawful navigation.

Mr James Parker is at Buffalo. & Mr Wm D Ingersoll was at Oswego last Week & probably will be there. but intend to have been between the purchasers at Ottawa, we shall sell to all who wish to buy at Ottawa & Bingham ton.

Hoping that you may find it for your interest to favor us with a Supply of Coal

We are Yours &c

Geo. M. Scranton & Co

Office Lackawanna & Western R.R Co
Syracuse Oct 11th 1852

Mr Thos. Spencer
Syracuse N.Y. Dear Sir

Your letter of [illegible] inst. has been received with interest. I now intend to visit your place about the 20th inst. I have seen no coal there yet. I shall desire to meet you & others interested in the great importance of your place when we will [illegible] all matters relative to the Coal trade &c &c. [illegible] I met Gen Horace Hotchkiss in the City last week, that a pleasant interview, his feelings evidently cordial for the general success & prosperity of [illegible] I do not intend to enter in the Manufacturing of Salt. I have to say that I now remain about the practicability of using Coal in your Operations, until the trial properly made would satisfy [illegible] that a favorable report can be made in the premises of fact.

There is no very little doubt but the Coal Companies increase the price for Coal on the Line of our road next year. Some of them already Mines & Board of their last Coal [illegible] Oct. We do not intend to increase freight in Packages of what may be done by others, our object is to enter Coal [illegible] use. [illegible] We shall do the best we can to meet the case.

It is my opinion that the price for Coal delivered at Syracuse will be $2.90. at Ithaca $3.50. per ton. I know of no Railroad Co. that charges or has power for carrying any description of Salt for the same rate as we propose to sell Coal for. Paying water all the value of the Coal delivered Cars; I will state it for the information of those [illegible] the Canal [illegible] one ofc of heavy grades which exist in Pennsylvania.

In the mean time I am most Respectfully Yours &c [illegible]

Office Lack.a & Western R.R. Co
Scranton Feb. 10 1852

Hon. A. D. Watson
Syracuse N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Yours dated Jan.y 4th inst has been received but I expect to be at your place abt the 20th inst when I shall be happy to confer with you on the subject of your letter. I have no doubt but that we can make such arrangements with you as will be satisfactory to you in relation to Coal & will then be in readiness to enter into a contract.

I am truly & Resp.y Yours

Geo. W. Scranton Jun. Agt

Office [illegible]

Scranton, Pa. [illegible] 1852

[illegible] Esq. Engr. Supt.

N.Y. & E. R. R.

Dear Sir.

Your letter [illegible] of the 21st
relative to [illegible] of the 5th inst. & notices duly received, we thank
you for the additional order for Coal. We are sending the Coal
as directed as fast as we can get Cars, but we do not get them
as fast as we like. You have no doubt ere this received
a letter from Genl Dimmick saying that we could fill the order at
once if we had Cars & we shall charge you $2.62 per ton of
2000 lbs delivered at the Shute at Jersey City, & no extra charge for Coke
or Plank for the sides & ends of the platform cars & Cars to be
returned to us as fast as possible.

[illegible] to sending on 4 wheel cars
west of Owego [illegible] we do not know that we can haul any
of the 4 wheel Cars, but may be obliged to send some small
[illegible] Coal Cars to Elmira & Jefferson, but will
try to do as little of it as possible.

The Passenger Car that you ordered of us was made
Privately & Sold us as I told you [illegible] at Pt. Jervis to be sold
when said Cars that they made us the best they could & they
said they lost money on them, it is true the Cars need repairing
but it was [illegible] free from a crack or break, has been always well
used & housed [illegible] when at Owego. I did not intend to mislead
you in the matter, & [illegible] you [illegible] I do not know any objection to selling the Car, if you are in want of Cars
or when [illegible] Co. at all events the matter shall be [illegible]
adjusted.

Very Respectfully

Office Lackawanna & Western R.R. Co.

$350 94/100

Scranton Pa Feby 12 1852

Sixty days after date Pay to the order of Messrs J. L. Mulford & Son Three Hundred Fifty and 94/100 Dollars value received & charge to acct of

To Henry Sprague Agt Lack & Western R.R. Co New York

Geo. W. Scranton Genl Agt

Scranton Pa Feby 12 1852

Messrs J. L. Mulford & Co
Montrose Pa

Gent. Above hand you dft at Sixty days from this date on Henry Sprague [illegible] New York for Three Hundred Fifty & 94/100 Dollars $350 94/100 which covers amt of [illegible] Jany 2 1852. Say $350 44

Less [illegible] interest [illegible] 6

$343 44

Add 102 days int from Jany 2 [illegible] 7 50

Making of dft $350 94

I trust you will find all correct [illegible]

Office Lock "Illinois" No 16

Savannah Feby 10, 1862

Russell Sturgis. Esqr.
Pr. Lett. No. 18 & C.

Dear Sir.

In the settlement of, and in case of Sunday ship; I have made on you the following Accounts, Drafts of which you have not been heretofore advised - Viz:

On the P. Ship 9th Inst No 4 Bill Lading	P Kennedy		$2100.00
" " " 12th " No 6 days	" Self Insurance		30 cts
" " " 13th " No 6 days	" Old Letter		30 cts

which in Accountain please honor.

My Draft (of which you have been previously advised) dated Savy 22, 1861 at Sight to order of P & M. Kennedy $305.62 I have taken up & disposed of the same in another manner

Very truly your Obt Svt

George McDermott Master Ship

Russell Sturgis Esq

Office Lack.a & Western R.R Co.
Scranton Oct. 16th 1852

W. L. Truesdale Esq.
Eft Bend

Dr Sir.

Your favr of the 14th inst is duly rec.d & notice in answer beg to state that we are ready & desire to settle with Mr Post, we cannot under stand the cause for his persevering course unless it arises from the fact that certain affts have been handed in at the Office from this Co. against him for adjustment. I shall be happy to learn that Mr P. had settled these matters himself.

With regard to his Commencing suit against the Co. for paying small note, he must will of course act his own pleasure. I have no fears of the result.

In your information I wish add. that the Company have never benefitted a dollar into the State. we paid out a dollar of Bank note of less denomination than $5. (by exft relief) since the former act took effect. I gave instructions to our Payers Agents before act to take effect not to pay out a dollar of the obnoxious notes, for, or on acct. of the Company. and I am confident that its instructions have been strictly adhered to. we have spent a great deal of time & money to obtain advice to enable us to make our payments, & the operation of the Law has been very pressing. as well as perplexing. to us in our large payments. but we have overcome the obstacles as we can do so from Banks & Office. but we have overcome the difficulty without a violation of the act!

Very Resp.y Yours Geo. W. Scranton Genl Agt

Office of the Public Works Commissioner
Ottawa, Ont. le 1er 1892.

Sir,

Office Lack. & Mar. Co.
Scranton Pa. Feb 16 1852.

Wm T Buckley Esq
Lawrenceville Tioga Co.
Otsego Lake

Dear Sir.

Your request & request
of May has been Overlooked by my Brother until to day
since it is the first that I have seen any thing concerning it
We Shall be pleased to sell you 500 tons of our
best Diamond Lump Coal. Del. free of extra Charge
on board of boat at our Schute in Binghamton (Steamboat
the Schute on the arrival of the Cars) for cash, Dollars
Ninety Cents ($2.90) per ton of 2000 lbs each.
Coal will be higher on the Seaboard this year than
last. the best informed think from 60 to 90 cts per ton higher. the
Companies generally lost money on Coal last year the Extreme
low prices was Caused by unusual & unavoidable Stocks & Competition
May our Agents in York or Company will advance the
price to $3.00 for any orders taken after June 1st the Co. be happy
to accept your order now to deliver in July & Aug that if you give us your order now
can make in the event of our prices being lower for any quantity
less than 1000 tons during the year. any deficiency in equal deduction
shall be made to you from the price named above of 2.90.
Hoping to hear from you at your early convenience
I am very Resp. your Obt. Sv.

Wm H. Scranton Jr. & Co

Liverpool Feb March 8 1853

R Steiger & Co

New York

March

I have now this
thing to say much regard my visits they are
as follows. I am about sailing for the Port of
Hong Kong in the course of the month

1 Case at 5 ms/ pack list for $ 24
1 " 4 " 200
1 " 2 " 100
$ 243 24

All Cash or Merchandise a Sight Draft on London
Credit for 60 days or thereabouts. The Cash
is a scarce article & they (Chinese) now insist
upon a sight for all goods, entry for duty
or packages by sight bill. I do not like to disturb
any body. I hope under the circumstances you will
not object to my so doing &c &c

I reached home Saturday night May 7 after
well & satisfactorily visit. Many thanks for
doing your business & attending to it, I have
engagements today for all the month & shall
necessarily visit

Yours truly Geo E Jellinek

Titusville Pa Mar 6, 1865

The Secretary of War

Vice Pres R R Co

Washington D C

Sir

The R R Co have on hand as many boxes as they can
use between now & 1st June next about 15,000 — 6000 are now being
shipped, 1000 per day, & 3000 per day after 1st June next. 3000
per day will be required by Sept next & probably a greater
number, & should it become necessary will be furnished
by the Co. Can Government furnish cars for the
Company's supplies to Titusville? If so Can Contracts
be made with Government for transportation of
Coal from Titusville to Corry & Erie?

Please let us hear from you soon as we wish to
know what we may depend upon & oblige us by
answering by mail via R R.

If you can come over to Titusville
& the mail is not a pretty short ride, & during
the pretty days of fall & winter.

Yours Truly

J. D. Angier

Wilmington Pa May 16th 1851

Mr. Thomas E. Smith

Dear Sir

I wrote you a short, dear Sir
a Week, ago, and as you Have not
yet made answer to it, I take it for
granted that you have thought $15,000 a very
Handsome consideration to ask for my
Property, but it is worth that to
those for whom, I purchase it, and
they are willing to pay it, therefore you can
have the money as soon as you can, I want
you Come as soon as you can, for I am in
Northumberland, I have just returned from Harrisburg
where I have had the Settlement of my Father's
Estate, which has kept me away, I want to
make the most I can, of my time, I am
in a hurry, I am expecting, Mr. Thos. Cooper
down from Phila, this day, I have also
Mr. [illegible] to see me, I am
not at [illegible] I am willing to sell
but I will not altogether, Yours Truly

Office Ithaca
Tioga Mar. 16 1852.

R. Shagan Esq
Dear Sir.

I drew on you at Ithaca, for
$ 771 00 date 9th inst. at 4 days sight for
the draft was duly remitted,
that sum was for the coupons of bonds
in Det— I took to the Scott, to ascertain
how to me the item of $ 5 & 2 cts. that I
excepted when I saw it in Bk. out of the office before
settlement, marked X, I learned to have been
the transportation of the Tax Co. when at Ithaca
a letter that Mr Scott had not succeeded
Mather as agent & hope he will soon allow it
pleasure the proceeds to you, & to his credit'

I have drawn on you to day as follows,
in favr of T. H. Seymour, Ithaca 15 days 3 mo. for $ 2000.
on acct of & to close an Error made in the Journal
with the Erie R. in favr last. on Mr Stevens Ag.
Ithaca, Mr that of a similar nature. he
at Ithaca as overpaid the C. $ 1200. by Draft
Tioga Bridge No. in 1850, which was never cancelled
& bond, & now wants to be credited
back yet it corrects.'

I have also drawn on you in favr of
Chas Seymour, two drafts dated Oct. 16th one $ 2000
favr. $ 2000. and one dft. Mar. 15th & 6 mos for
favr $ 3436.35 in all of the above drafts have
for thirty del. previous, & not due
del., on the way.

Mr. Mayer
Office.

of charity. However I shall see a further day
& Mr Jenner for the Dr. opinion. The thermo
is matter up a statement of it.

I will here mention that should we have already broken up all other trains, or you have
leave the last name but one of the sheets from
before her broken.

I Th^s have written to Jane Henry my niece
wish had I known you wd have accepted all
the letter I directed to you first.

Thy Mother informs me that you stand in
need, the Money. I Th^s regret it sincerely
for this: & Th^s hope you will not do it. unless you
feel it will restore your health, the time is not
far off. when the trouble & care will be off than
it is just now! I never felt more Gratitude
of the great Extent of our Mercies. than I do now
altho. I do not expect great things in great wealth
this year. for by post Mr Griffin has answered me
will remit me by him shortly me 20 Guineas
have when he return. I shall see & see you in a
few days or week at furthest when I intend to give
you a better ace of my late trip. Now I have
written' hoping that you are in the
Enjoyment of good health, I am
Remembrance to You all
Dear Thy Loving Son
Thos Greenhow Junr

Mr Sills

Office Secretary Petroleum M. & M. Co.
Scranton, March 15th 1852.

Mess Ingersoll Coffin & Field please pay to the order of T. T. Townsend Esq. Attorney New York & Erie R. R. Co. Two Thousand Dollars for value rec'd, and charge to Account of

Yours Resp'y Sam'l Old. Sec'y
Pro tem of Scranton Petroleum Co.

Roswell Sprague Esq
Treas. N. York & Erie R. R. Co
New York City

T. Townsend Esq Sec'y
Erie Rail Road Co

Above please find draft in favor of Roswell Sprague Treas. N. York & Erie R. R. Co. dated 15th inst. at 6 months for $2000,— drawing int. recovery & Com. from Co. in settlement between N. Y. & E. R. R. Co. & Scranton Petroleum Co. made by Mr Warren Company — Secretary to Scranton Petroleum Co. examine the agt & return the matter as stated by Mr Warren Attorney. Co. will send for a statement & discussion of the suit of Col Hamilton in Col. to settle draft. also will send a draft in favor Mr Farr. for the amt of freight Charges for last month.

Rec'd a letter from Mr Warren in reply to one I wrote him from Ithaca relative to $1200. saying that Mr Sprague refuses to receive that Credit to this Co. in the settlement. made by us in Dec.

Lettre 119

Office Lack.a Western R.R Co
Scranton. Nov. 17th 1852

John S. Phelps Esqr Pres.t
Dr Sir.

Mr Devereux and I on
place in Company with Mr Loller. last week
we have talked over the Coal matter. as to the
best method of disposing of it at Utica. Finally
Mr Devereux is of opinion that the true interest
of our Company will be to sell our Coal on Commission
for the first Year. & he proposes as our Agents at
Utica Mr. Loller & Mr Clark. whose signatures is now
in Enclosed. they are good men & will devote their
Energy fully to serve our interests. Mr D. knows them
well & will be responsible for them faithful performance
Mr D. is also of opinion that they can take the Agency
at Syracuse. as they will then be able to secure boats
and back freight to the best possible advantage & and
be able to get the Coal forwarded at a lower price in
consequence of having the Control of the business
at that place. Mr Clark is now & has been for years
past in the Coal business at Utica. now while I am
aware of the desire & determination of our board to
sell their Coal direct at Binghamton. I am inclined
to think with Mr D. that we shall be able to dispose
of a much larger amount of our Coal in this way
than we shall do if we adhere strictly to selling for

Office Clerk of Elections, D.C.
Washington, June 17, 1964

Mrs. Lois Wheeler Snow
Star-Post

Dear Mrs. Snow:

The Board of Elections has received a petition from [illegible] requesting that the [illegible] be placed on the ballot as a write-in candidate for the office of [illegible] in the District of Columbia.

The petition contains [illegible] signatures, which is [illegible] than the minimum number required by law. The petition has been [illegible] and found to be sufficient.

Accordingly, the name of [illegible] will be placed on the ballot as a write-in candidate for the office of [illegible] in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]
Clerk of the Board of Elections

Cash on taking of Buyer's Note

The time has come when Hon Mr Seddon should be settled. Mr S. has sent Commissioners home over the subject — if he or his friends have any thing to do with the Coal they want to understand it at once. I may will take all the interests of Dooley the Coal & paying for Mr. Thomas. I pay for the Coal as fast as Boiled. I beg you Gentlemen to take up this subject at once & work over your views to Mr D. I have told him that he may expect an answer by next Mondays Mail at Utica which I hope may be done.

from your recent letter I did not feel authorized to close the arrangement without your advice & Consent. the only objection that could be raised to the plan. is that we shall not see our pay yards as soon as by the plan proposed & adopted by the Board. but will not the increase out which must be solid, make up for any such delay or inconvenience?

Mr D. is of opinion that we shall see our money for the Coal just about as fast. as if we sold the Coal direct. & he further says that Mr Lee with & anticipate. that Mr Clark Collector Seals give us their papers. which he will endorse. & on which the money can be obtained in Utica from time to time as may be required.

Excuse me for again urging upon you an early decision. if they undertake the Agency. we time Mr Lee lost in Lecury Boots.

I know nothing of particular importance to send
at this present.

I am most Respectfully Yours &c &c

Gouverneur Palsgr

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